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AMATEUR PLAYERS' CLUB

PRESENTS FARCE COMEDY AT MACAULEY'S THEATRE

PUBLIC SCHOOL QUESTION DISCUSSSED

Oratorical Contest at the State University—Annual Sermon to Young Men's Business Club Delivered by Rev. Anderson.

By Cary B. Lewis.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 11.—On Friday night of last week "Rural School Days," a farcical comedy, was presented at Macauley's Theater. A large and appreciative audience was present, mostly the society people of the city. For weeks Mr. Asher Brown worked with zeal and energy to make the affair a success, and had fifty young people to practice for the play, and the result was a splendid evening's entertainment that will be remembered as one of the best of its kind ever given in this city.

The theater was filled from pit to dome and not a vacant seat in the boxes. Mr. Brown surely deserves the gratitude of the citizens of Louisville for giving such a clean, amusing and successful entertainment. From the fact that he is a young man and united all the young factions, cliques and groups for the spread of a cultured amusement should attract wide comment and praise for his efforts. It is usually a hard, uphill fight to get a certain number of people together and instruct them, manage the play and be the chief advertiser. This was the work of Mr. Brown, and he richly deserved the large patronage that greeted his show on the night of the performance.

The sketch was presented by the Amateur Players' Club, and it was humorous and provoked much laughter. Tears of laughter and broad smiles were seen upon the faces of hundreds while the lines were cleverly spoken by the students of the "Rural School." The stage settings and costumes were in keeping with the schoolhouse, as well as the costumes of the young actors.

The teacher was Mr. Asher Brown, who portrayed the character of "Whonoes Whatshisname," and around him centered all the fun. At times the act was a little draggy, but only to a stage critic. Amid the various bits of wit and humor specialties were introduced, and some excellent numbers were presented that provoked a great deal of laughter and generous applause.

Miss Edna Goodwin and her sister Mary were among the features of the evening. The singing and acting of Miss Edna Goodwin had earmarks of stage culture. This was due to the fact that she had taken part in several other plays and has Thespian aspirations. "Baby Boy" was the song hit and she sang it sweetly and charmingly. Mr. Russell Warden responded to her in the chorus from a box, and this added much to the number.

Miss Cora Page made a hit also by singing "Blind Pig." She is one of the most clever little actresses of the city, and she fully demonstrated that she has the ability to please and entertain, and was "just it" during the whole performance. Miss Susie Hurt read a poem on the "Dog" that brought forth a great deal of applause. The choruses were well rendered under the personal direction of Miss Winifred Lang. She handled the baton artistically and directed an orchestra of ten pieces.

Those who took part in the cast were: Walter Phillips, Edna Lawrence Brown, Lemuel Duncan, Eugene P. King, Emma Clark, Ernest Maye, Mary Edwards, Sanford Harris, Tuley White, Frederick Garner, Nannie Mae Stewart, Leonard Field, Eva P. King, Beatrice Bennett, Nannie P. Taylor, Israel Dickerson, Bennella Dell, Olivia Miles White, Alfred Slaughter, Estella Clayton, W. M. Hicks, Ophelia Bellman, John W. Davis and Edna Wade. The executive staff was Frederick Garner, C. B. Lewis, Asher O. Brown, Gus Walker and Winfred Lang.

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There is much talk here of taking the public schools out of politics entirely. It is claimed that the worst possible conditions are existing under the present system. It is argued that commissioners should have the control of the $900,000 that is annually spent and that the ablest men of the city should be members of this commission, and that a superintendent should control the educational work, while the teachers should be employed because they are splendidly equipped, and not because they are related to one of the trustees. It has been demonstrated that the present system is inadequate and that the large school organization is at fault. It is reported that at the next Legislature a charter amendment will be offered and substitute a compact commission having no other object than the advancement of education in Louisville. The people are praying for the day to come when this will be brought about.

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News reached here last week that Prof. William Goodall Frost, president of Berea College, confirmed the report that a site for the new Lincoln had been purchased at Simpsonville, Shelby county. Prof. Frost said that the land purchased by the Lincoln Institute committee comprises 500 acres, on the Louisville and Shelbyville pike, about ten miles west of Shelbyville and twenty-one miles this side of Louisville. The Bloomfield branch of the L. & N. passes through the tract near the southern boundary. The new Louisville & Shelbyville interurban lines also pass through the land, its right of way adjoining that of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad on either side.

"We will have our own railroad station and postoffice," said Prof. Frost, "and this will be known as Lincoln Station, Ky. This will be done to prevent any apprehension which seems to be in the minds of the towns that the colored students will always be conspicuously present." The land purchased for the site, President Frost says, forms a fairly regular parallelogram, facing north to the pike, on which it has considerable frontage. The tract has a fine plateau, about a quarter of a mile back from the pike, on which buildings will be erected. They will be in fine view from the pike and from both railroads. The tract is well watered, is underlaid with limestone, and is well adapted to agricultural purposes.

The committee, President Frost states, has incurred a heavy debt in making the purchase, rather than let the opportunity of getting a desirable location be lost, and it is looking for friends of the project to see it through.

Word later comes that some of the people of Simpsonville have raised a howl against the location of the school in that vicinity, and on last Saturday night held an indignation meeting, opposing the location of the new Lincoln Institute. Nothing has resulted more than the passing of the resolutions up to the present time, and it is thought that the better judgment of white friends will prevail in the matter and that in due time the school will be located in Shelbyville county. More and more the people of the State of Kentucky are pledging their support to the new institution, and it is evident that it is gaining strength daily. Dr. Bond reports that subscriptions are daily coming in to the school.

Dr. A. E. Thompson, who is a trustee of the Berea College, and who has been giving much of his time during the past few months to the work for the establishment of the new Lincoln Institute, was in the city during the past week, and was much interested in the progress of the Louisville campaign for the new school, which is to provide industrial and moral training for the Negroes of Kentucky. He said that he believes Louisville will soon raise her $50,000, the fund now standing at $38,000 and $40,000, and that the State at large is ready to do its share of the big work.

Dr. Thompson has recently completed some rather interesting investigations concerning the effect on the education of the Negro. He did this with a view of particularly discovering whether, as has been thought by some, education tends to make the Negroes more inclined to crime than are those without training. His investigations included ten institutions in various parts of the South, and may be taken, therefore, as fairly representative. The time these schools have been in operation extends over periods of from ten to thirty-two years, and the results of their work are suggestive. They have graduated 7,769, yet of this number, according to figures supplied by Dr. Thompson, no more than ten have been convicted of crime. These figures, he said, are accurate, because all of the institutions referred to keep close track of their graduates, in order to determine what influence upon them their work at school has had. Dr. Thompson believes that the proof shows that the Negro who has education, and particularly that kind which will be given at Lincoln Institute, is not likely to make a criminal, but aid in making him a better citizen, fully capable to take his part in the world's civilization.

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Mr. R. M. Johnson, of St. Paul, Minn., was in the city last week, en route from Frankfort. He is a native of Frankfort, but has not been there for some time. He was accompanied by his mother. Mr. Johnson is a member of the Elks, Perfect Ashler Lodge No. 4, F. and A. M., St. Paul, Occidental Consistory, Chicago, Ill. He stated that the people of St. Paul are making great preparations to entertain the U. B. F.'s that are to visit that city this summer, and that J. H. Dillingham and J. F. White are heading the entertainment committees.

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A large crowd was present Monday night, at the Zion Baptist Church, where there was held an oratorical contest by the missionary class of the State University. Most of the addresses were on the subject of "Africa," and many of those in the audience were inspired to do more for missionary work and the evangelization of the Dark Continent. The class was under the instruction of Miss Nannie H. Burroughs, and she acted as mistress of ceremonies. For two years missionary work has been a part of the curriculum at the State University, and the Rev. L. G. Jordan has been one of the principal instructors on missionary work. "Send the Christian light to Africa; go or let go," was the theme of most of those that entered the contest. In the contest for the prizes were Curtis D. Parker, Joseph Cureton, Frank Locus, Sarah Fishback, Vol McLawler, Delia Rudolph, H. A. Scott and Rosie Lee Hanna. Seven judges were appointed, including Miss Georgia A. Moore, of the public schools, as chairman. All of the addresses were splendidly recited and showed great depth of research. Delia Rudolph, of Capetown, South Africa, who is here attending the State University, had for her subject "A Plea for My Sisters." This young miss had the audience in the palm of her hand, and the fact that she spoke from experience, with easy and natural gestures, giving out a fund of information about her native country, would have won the debate with ease, but her memory slightly failed, and once or twice she lost a few points in the estimation of the seven judges. The judges failed to agree as to who was the best, and they evened up their points in favor of Rosie Lee Hanna and Vol McLawler. They were, however, awarded prizes. Delia Rudolph and Frank Lucas were also awarded prizes.

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The Rev. J. R. L. Diggs, former president of the State University, will be in the city May 17 to deliver the literary address to the students of the State University, at Calvary Baptist Church. Dr. Diggs is president of a college in Richmond, Va. The college commencement will be held May 18, at Macauley's Theater.

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A number of physicians are in the city of Frankfort this week, attending the meeting of the State Medical Association. A number of Louisville physicians have addresses to deliver, among them being Dr. J. A. C. Lattimore, Dr. W. H. Pickett and Dr. E. D. Whedbee.

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The first annual sermon to the Young Men's Business Club was delivered last Sunday night by the Rev. J. C. Anderson, pastor of the Quinn Chapel A. M. E. Church, Ninth and Walnut streets. Previous to the sermon Cary B. Lewis, president of the organization, read the club's declaration of principles and acted as master of ceremonies. Attorney W. L. Ricks delivered a very able and practical address on the "Scope and Aim of the Club." Mr. Ricks covered the ground, and was given an appreciable hearing while he pleaded for members of the race to give aid and encouragement to the Negroes who are in business. A. B. McAfee spoke on "The Need of Racial Unity." The tenor of both addresses was optimistic of the Negro's ability to conduct business enterprises, and in the main to become industrious, honest and intelligent in his business transactions. "It is not so much what the Negro has accomplished," said Mr. McAfee, "but what he hopes to do for the business uplift of the race." The Rev. J. C. Anderson took for his subject "Provide." He read a portion of the Scripture which urges one to provide for his household, and he that doeth this not is worse than an infidel. Dr. Anderson discussed intelligently and interestingly all phases of the question, and he gave some timely advice to the young men who are making an endeavor to create a desire on the part of the citizens to encourage and patronize those who are in any way engaged in business or the professions. The president has been urged to have such sermons preached from all the churches of the city, so that the various congregations will hear the aim and object of the club, as well as being encouraged by the minister who preaches the sermon.

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The Rev. Hezekiah Harper, who was the father of Attorney N. R. Harper, died last Saturday and was buried from Quinn Chapel, A. M. E. Church, Monday. Rev. Harper was ninety-three years old, and he was one of the founders of the Indiana Conference of the A. M. E. connection. He was admitted into the conference of the church in 1844, having made his way from South Carolina. He was a preacher for seventy-six years, and was known as "Father" Harper. He was extremely zealous in religious work, and organized churches in Indiana, Michigan and Illinois. He was the father of thirteen children, ten of whom survive him.

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Dr. R. B. Scott, of this city, is in Frankfrt,o Ky., on a short visit. He will attend the State Medical Association while in that city.

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Miss Carrie Montjoy, a graduate of the Central Hight School and of a trained nursing institution in Michigan, is in the city, the guest of Miss Nugent, Sixth and A streets.

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Miss Hattie Lipscomb is expecting to trip to Cincinnati soon. She will only be gone for a Sunday.

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The Rev. L. H. Brown has invited the Ministers' Alliance to atten a dinner at his home on May 31. A program is being arranged for the occasion by the ministers of the association.

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P. C. Martin left for El Paso, Tex., to settle up the estate of his uncle, Beal Johnson.

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Dr. J. W. Norrell, of Indianapolis, Ind., passed through the city, en route to Frankfort, Ky., to the State Medical Association.

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Mrs. Lavenia Watson Cooper, president of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Local Negro Business League, called a meeting of that organization recently, and they transacted a good deal of business that will be of interest to the delegates that will attend the national meeting, which is to be held here in August.

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The Rev. L. G. Jordan, secretary of the National Baptist Foreign Mission Board, returned this week from an extended trip in Texas and other Southern States. He was on a mission for the work of the Board.

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A number of box parties are being arranged for the musicale that is to be given on Friday night, May 28, at Macaulay's Theater. The entertainment is to be given by the students of the Central High School, and it will be for the benefit of the Orphans' Home.

It is said that the report of the $5,000 will be made on this occasion. If this is true, it will attract quite a large number of people, as it is uppermost in the minds of the people when the name of the Orphans' Home is mentioned.

SHERMAN, TEX.

Special to The Freeman.

Copies of The Freeman at Mr. Wm. Mann's handsome tonsorial parlors, East Mulberry street, en route to Union Depot. ....Messrs. Lewis Culberson and Jim Irvine, Jr., have opened up a nice cleaning and pressing parlor at 247 East Pecan street, near the Katy tonsorial parlor. The Freeman for sale there. The following swell weddings occurred in the city last Thursday night, the 6th inst.: Mr. Eugene Brown to Miss Minnie Young, Rev. D. J. Crawford officiating; Mr. Wesley Lawrence, Jr., to Miss Euba Mitchell, Rev. E. W. Wright officiating....Mesdames Roll Chisholm and John Harris and Mr. M. Wade attended the Lasso Club reception at Dallas last Friday night. ....The Odd Fellows, Household of Ruth and Juvenile annual sermon was preached on Sunday evening, the 9th inst., at Harmony Baptist Church, by Rev. W. P. Huntley, of the C. M. E. Church.

MARION, IND.

Special to The Freeman.

Miss Pearl White is quite ill at the residence of her parents in South Marion.... The K. of P. Band gave a concert at the South Side Skating Rink, last Wednesday night. Quite a large crowd was in attendance, and the program was exceptionally good and well rendered. The program was as follows: March, "Fairest of the Fair," Sousa; overture, "Hearts of Gold," Bained; march, "Gilmore Triumphant," Brooks; moving pictures by C. F. Green; waltz, "Serath," Brooks; intermezzo, "Ivanhoe," Van Alstine; trombone solo, "Clover Blossoms," Madison Knox; march, "Oklahoma State," Corgs; illustrated songs were sung by Miss Golda Hornaday and Rufus Wilson....Mrs. Anne Bobson is seriously ill at her home near Weaver....The annual thanksgiving sermon of the Mississinewa Lodge, G. U. O. O. F., Household of Ruth and Juvenile Lodge was preached Sunday afternoon at Allen Temple. Rev. Jackson delivered the sermon, which was a typical lodge sermon, much enjoyed by the fraternity and also by all eprsent. Rev. J. M. Nichols was master of ceremonies....Miss Mamie Inman, of this city, died last Wednesday night, after an illness of several months, with tuberculosis, at the residence of her parents in West Marion. She leaves a father, mother, three brothers and three sisters to mourn her loss. The interment was in the I. O. O. F. Cemetery....Earl Milton, who has been ill for several days, is able to be out again.

XENIA, O.

Special to The Freeman.

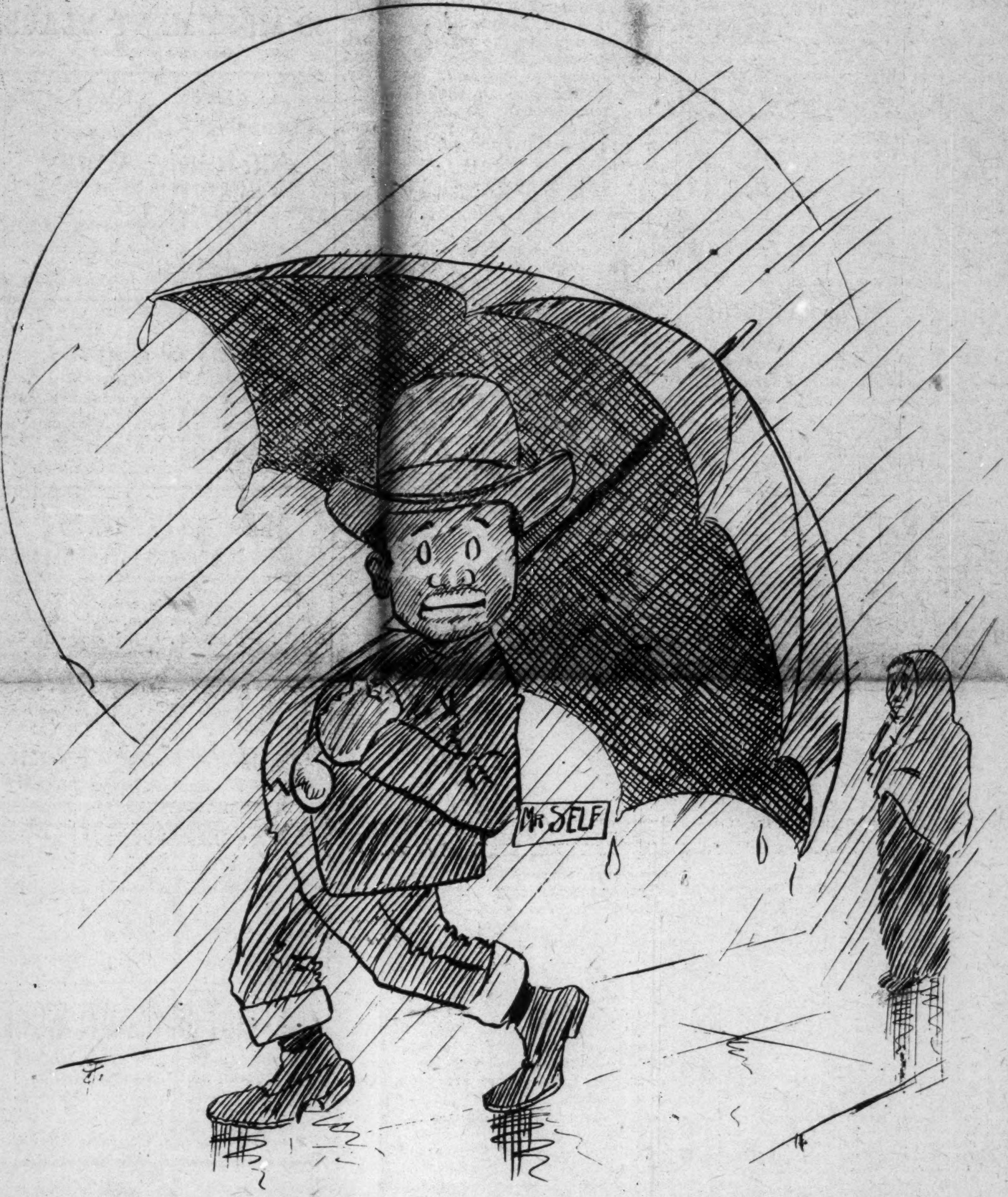
S. S. Massive, of Taylor street, is improving his hours by adding more rooms.... Chas. Scott is preparing to open his ice cream parlor on East Main street....Be sure and call for The Freeman at the Acme news stand....Prof. T. D. Scott is to be one of the principal speakers at the dedication at Richmond, Ind., Sunday....The final rhetoricals of the season were held Friday, May 7, by the freshman class of the East Main Street High School. They had the largest crowd of the season and presented an excellent program. The quartette was extra fine. It consisted of Mr. Leroy Harris, Miss Mamie Woodson, Mr. William Rickman and Miss Blanche Jasper....Dr. W. H. Hawkins has opened his ice cream department. ....Mr. Hatcher, of Wilberforce University, has composed a song entitled "When Spring Comes Again, Mother Darling." He sang it at the East Main Street High School on Monday, May 10....Miss Ida Swisher spent Saturday and Sunday evening in Cincinnati. ....Will Maxwell, who is a postal clerk at Chicago, Ill., is spending his vacation with his parents....Ernest Locust, of East Church street, had his house almost destroyed by fire while he was attending the John Robinson circus. The loss was estimated at about $200.

PADUCAH, KY.

Special to The Freeman.

The G. U. O. O. of F. and the Household of Ruth held their annual thanksgiving sermon at the Washington Street Baptist Church, last Sunday. Rev. G. W. Robinson officiated....The Mt. McGregory Lodge, No. 29, F. and A. M., will meet in a business session on the 19th....Ed James is improving slowly....Mrs. J. A. Lindsey has recovered from a five weeks' illness....J. A. Lindsey has opened a nice lunch room at 502 South Seventh street....Mr. Abeline Davis has returned from the Old Soldiers' Home on a visit to this city....C. Howard is on the sick list....Rev. V. S. Smith is out of the city....The Freeman at 220 South Seventh street. New 'Phone 1496.

LEST WE FORGET.



Don't forget to share with others on that "rainy day."

SPEAKS FOR Y. M. C. A.

BELASCO THEATRE PACKED WITH GOOD AUDIENCE

TO HEAR DR. BOOKER T. WASHINGTON

Tell What the Y. M. C. A. Movement Means to the Negro—A Number of Distinguished People Present—Great Meeting.

By R. W. Thompson.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 9.—Belasco Theater, one of the very largest auditoriums in the capital, was packed this afternoon with an eager throng of men, who came to hear the eminent educotar, Dr. Booker T. Washington, express his view of "What the Y. M. C. A. Movement Means to the Negro People."

The meeting was announced to begin at 2:30 p. m., but long before that hour Madison Place, in front of the house, was filled with a surging mass, and when the exercises commenced every seat from pit to dome was occupied, and every inch of standing room on the four floors was exhausted. Even the little gallery under the roof, which is rarely used, was filled, and many got within earshot by finding places on the fire escape on the alley side of the building. No such audience has ever before gathered anywhere in this country under the auspices of the colored branch of the Y. M. C. A., and the success of the venture has brought delight to the hearts of International Secretary J. E. Moorland and Local Secretary Lewis E. Johnson, who planned the affair as a means of stimulating interest in the great Christian work in which they are engaged, and to afford an opportunity for the people to give what they could toward the sum of $10,000 which is urgently needed at this time to keep their building operations in motion until the new $100,000 structure is completed. In the immense audience were representatives of every imaginable calling, and the enthusiasm was at fever heat from the opening song until the benediction was pronounced. On the stage were a hundred or more men well known in the religious, business and professional life of the community, being about evenly divided between the races, and the close attention paid by all to the proceedings betokened a deep interest in the welfare of the movement which brought the mthere from the four corners of the District. The assemblage was more than local—it was national, and in many respects international.

Among the distinguished persons seated on the platform were the Hon. H. B. F. Macfarland, president of the Board of District Commissioners; S. W. Woodward, chairman of the board of directors of the Y. M. C. A., main branch; Dr. Merrill E. Gates, former president of Amherst College; Hon. John W. Foster, former Secretary of State; Rev. John Van Schaick, pastor of the Church of Our Father; Judges C. S. Bundy, T. E. Callan and Robert H. Terrell, of the Municipal Court; John B. Sleman, Jr., John M. Nelson, Carroll S. Page, Joseph M. Dixon, N. E. Kendall and Miles M. Shand; Revs. Sterling N. Brown, A. C. Garner, William Jeffries of Adelaide, South Australia; C. S. Morris, M. W. Clar, W. J. Howard, C. C. Alleyne, L. E. B. Rosser, S. Geriah Lamkins, L. B. Moore and C. H. Young; Drs. A. M. Curtis, J. R. Francis, C. W. Childs, W. C. McNeill, J. R. Wilder, G. W. Cabaniss, W. Bruce Evans and C. H. Marshall; Attorneys W. L. Pollard, Thomas L. Jones and Ocea Taylor. Besides these there were the Hon. Ralph W. Tyler, Auditor for the Navy Department; Hon. W. T. Vernon, Register of the Treasury; Hon. John C. Dancy, Recorder of Deeds; Hon. R. R. Horner, member of the Board of Education; Hon. James A. Cobb, Assistant U. S. District Attorney; Prof. Kelly Miller, of Howard University; Judge M. W. Gibbs, of Arkansas; former Governor P. B. S. Pinchback and Attorney Gilchrist Stewart, of New York; Rev. William Jennifer, of Texas; Architect W. Sidney Pittman; Nathan Hunt, of Tuskegee, Ala., Henry Lassiter, and others.

Dr. Washington's appearance on the stage, escorted by Dr. J. E. Moorland, international secretary, and L. E. Johnson, local secretary, was the signal for prolonged and hearty applause. After music by the Lyric Orchestra, made up of students of Howard University, and congregational singing, led by Prof. John T. Layton, Mr. Johnson felicitously introduced Commissioner Macfarland as the presiding officer of the day.

Mr. Macfarland's address was pitched in a lofty key. He was proud to see such a representative audience turn out and exhibit such an enthusiastic interest in a movement that is fundamental in the development of good citizenship; he had never before seen such an audience assembled anywhere for the purpose of advancing the Y. M. C. A. work among the colored people, and he regarded the evidences of civic righteousness displayed here as a fitting answer to the reactionaries who so often attempt to slander the Negro race. In his opinion, a race should be judged by its best specimens, not by its worst. He referred in a most complimentary manner to the fact that the colored people had promptly subscribed $32,000 for the new Y. M. C. A. building when Mr. Rockefeller agreed to give $25,000 if they would raise a like sum. Mr. Macfarland thought the colored people should rally to help this agency of moral uplift, not only for their own benefit, but as an example to the whole country, for what is done in Washington is essentially national in effect and influence.

E. J. Morton, president of the local branch, read a short Scripture lessen from the Psalms. Rev. M. W. Clair led in prayer. The Amphion Glee Club rendered a tuneful selection, under the direction of Prof. J. Henry Lewis. A. H. Colwell sang two solos—one of them being the famous "Glory Song"—with the audience joining in the chorus, and Secretary Johnson made his announcements. Following this Dr. Washington was introduced b yMr. Macfarland as the "foremost Negro on the American continent." The welcome the "Wizard" received was cordial in the ex-

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Women and Their Interests

By *"DOROTHY."*

BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE.

If you have a gray-haired mother
In the old home far away,
Sit you down and write the letter
You put off from day to day.
Don't wait until her weary steps
Reach heaven's pearly gate,
But show her that you think of her
Before it is too late.

If you have a tender message,
Or a yoving word to say,
Don't wait till you forget it,
But whisper it to-day.
Who knows what bitter memories
May haunt you if you wait?
So make your loved one happy
Before it is too late.

The tender word unspoken,
The letters never sent,
The long-forgotten messages,
The wealth of love unspent—
For these some hearts are breaking,
For these some loved ones wait;
Show them that you care for them
Before it is too late.

—George Bancroft Griffith.

WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN SOCIETY.

A local branch of the Woman's Christian Society was organized at Royal, Md., last Sunday. The following are the officers: Miss Hattie Thomas, president; Mrs. Mary J. Lawrence, vice-president; Miss Virgie Fields, recording secretary; Miss Mary Cooper, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Sarah C. Harris, treasurer.

Mrs. R. E. Lawson, of Washington, a representative of the National W. C. T. U., was present and made an address in the interest of the work. She made a fine impression. Mrs. Lawson also addressed the society at St. Michaels, Md.

MAKES PRINCIPAL ADDRESS.

Mrs. Rachel D. Harris, of Louisville, was the principal speaker at the Colored Congregational Association of Churches of Kentucky and Tennessee, which met at Lexington, Ky., last week. Mrs. Harris is the assistant librarian of the Colored Branch of the Free Public Library. Her address was on the working of the library and she told of the wonderful progress of the institution and the good work it was doing for the colored people of Louisville. Every phase of the work was touched upon by the speaker, and she reminded the audience that the colored citizens were appreciative of the generosity of those who were interested in its establishment.

HONOR TO ROBERT PELHAM.

Honor to Robert Peuham, a clerk in the Census Office at Washington! Recently a colored woman was arrested at Washington. The police struck her a brutal blow across the forehead with his club. Mr. Pelham was passing at the time, and, seeing what was taking place, he took the names and addresses of two witnesses in order to file charges against the brutal officer. For this Mr. Pelham was arrested. Senator William Alden Smith, United States Senator from Michigan, had charge of Mr. Pelham's defense, and he was discharged. We are glad to know that there are men in our race who are not afraid to defend their women. Mr. Pelham did not stop to inquire if the unfortunate woman was a member of the "Black Four Hundred," of If his associates would approve of his action, but at once sought to punish the man who imposed on a defenseless woman. The second man at Washington goes down on our roll of honor as having stood by their own race when the time demanded it.

WORK OF FARMER'S CONFERENCE AT TUSKEGEE BENEFITS WOMEN.

One of the wisest things that the promoters of the short course have done was to make special provisions for the women and girls. Of all the women in rural communities, the Negro women in the rural communities of the South have the narrowest lives. At the short course they learned many things which will make their home life better and broader. At the dairy and at the poultry farm they saw how the raising of chickens and the milking of cows could be made more than mere drudgery. In the sewing room they learned how to sew correctly, and how from plain calicoes and ginghams to make neat-fitting and nice-looking dresses. In the kitchen they were taught how to make a fire in a stove, how to clean and polish it, how to set a table, table manners, and how to clean up a table.

These things are important, because the old-time fireplaces are being generally displaced by stoves. The women and girls were taught how to prepare the foods commonly found in their homes, such as corn meal, turnips, peas and potatoes, and cook them in a variety of appetizing ways. The teaching of these farmers' wives and daughters how to use a stove and to cook foods properly in several ways is going to be far-reaching in its effects, because it means better cooked foods, a more varied diet, a more cheerful home, and better health for the family. The idea of making life on the farm more than living in squalor and one dreary round of drudgery was well expressed by Principal Washington in one of his addresses to the members of the short course. He said: "The farmer should have a higher object in view than merely to make a living. The poorest razor-backed hog that you turn out in the field will make a living, and if you only make a living there is no difference between you. A man should get some comfort, some happiness."

NATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

The Woman's Convention, auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention, are making a grand effort to open the National Training School for Women and Girls, at Washington, in October. They have a six-acre tract of land, over half paid for, and only a ten-room building, and it is necessary to have $12,000 with which to begin building. All persons who give as much as a dollar will have their names in the great register that will be prepared and kept as one of the most valuable possessions of the institution. Mrs. Maggie Walker, president of the St. Luke's Bank, has pledged to give $500. The following is what this school will do:

First—It will develop their spiritual, moral and intellectual powers, and prepare them to do missionary work at home and abroad.

Second—It will train them as homemakers, by developing their aesthetic tastes and strengthening their moral fiber, so as to enable them to join hands in making the home life of the race purer and nobler.

Third—It will dignify labor and encourage habits of industry, by fitting women to give professional service, and lift themselves from the common drudgery incident to ignorance.

Fourth—It will prepare women to go into the business and professional world as nurses, clerks and musicians.

Fifth—Much stress will be placed upon the development of strong moral character. The Bible will be the standard classic, and no student will be permitted to take training in any department who will not, in connection with such training, take the Christian Culture Course.

Don't you think that it is worthy of your help and your prayers?

GET A BUSINESS EDUCATION.

We do not see why some of our young women who graduate from our high schools, and who are seeking to earn their own livelihood, do not fit themselves for that for which there is an urgent call. For instance, Mr. S. St. Clair, one of the most successful dealers in new and second-hand furniture and fixtures in the city, has been inquiring for some time for a girl or woman to act in his establishment as cashier, stenographer and bookkeeper, at a salary of $15 per week. He cannot find one in the Stae. He is to enlarge his business in the near future by extending his establishment to Third street, with an up-to-date crockery department, and must have a woman whose entire time can be devoted to the correspondence and bookkeeping of his business. Our people should think of these things when they are educating their sons and daughters. Hair dressing seems to be the highest ambition of our girls. It's a shame, to say the least. A call for a colored stepographer, one having had a business course at some of our business colleges as a foundation for actual business experience, has been made before. Without fear of contradiction we say that Mr. St. Clair will have to send East for a stenographer and bookkeeper of his own race, while in Portland the women clean nails and wash hair.—Portland Advocate.

It is very poor policy to deprecate any kind of honest labor, in order to show the necessity of obtaining a business education or any other training.

Suppose the girls of Portland have a talent for hair dressing and manicuring, and do that well, thereby earning a respectable livelihood. Nature has given them that talent, and they are improving it, and have no reason whatever to be ashamed of their occupation.

A business education is all right and proper. If that is your "calling," if you feel that you wish to be a bookkeeper, stenographer and office worker, and know that you have the ability and the "sticking" quality to be a success, cultivate that talent; if not, do something else.

It is a shame that any publication should talk such trash. The only disgrace in any labor is the half-hearted doing of it. It is one of the reasons why the race has so many girls who are on the downward path. They are taught that just certain kinds of work should be done by them. Then, if they cannot do that, or are unable to secure a certain position, they refuse to work at all. But they must live. Their parents are unable to support them, and in time they have strayed far from the right path. It is not one's occupation, but the individual. Work is work the world over. The only difference is the compensation.

Now, to the girls of Portland, and to all: Do that for which you are best fitted.

Negro dolls are being introduced in the Republic of Costa Rica. The order has been received from Rev. William Forde, of Port Limon.

Mrs. Fannie Lucas, of Nashville, Tenn., has twenty hens, which have laid 243 eggs during April.

Mrs. Mamie Robinson, daughter of the late Rev. Moses Dickson, is seriously ill at St. Louis, Mo.

The Baptist Ctate Convention and Woman's Educational and Missionary Convention meets at Quincy, Ill., May 18-23. Miss Nannie H. Burroughs will be in attendance.

Mrs. Jones, of St. Louis, is quite a successful business woman. She is the manager of the Commercial Hotel, in Morgan street. The house contains seventy-eight rooms.

Mothers' Day was observed at St. Louis, Mo., at St. Paul's Church last Sunday. All attending wore a white carnation in memory of their mother. The program was under the direction of Miss Ella Sevier.

A FORAKER TESTIMONIAL SCHOLARSHIP.

Movement to Honor Ohio's Sturdy Ex-Senator by Establishing Educational Fund at Wilberforce University.

WILBERFORCE, Ohio, May 1.—The suggestion has been made in influential circles that a scholarship be established at Wilberforce University as a testimonial of the high esteem in which the Negroes of the country hold former Senator Joseph Benson Foraker.

This is looked upon hereabouts as a very happy suggestion, and numerous communications have been received stating that it is the most fitting way to express in a permanent fashion our affectionate regard and veneration for the distinguished statesman who did so much for the Negro soldiers in the Brownsville matter. Wilberforce University, situated within the shadow of the Foraker home, and being the institution closest to his heart, is certainly the ideal place for the establishment of such a scholarship. There is doubt that Senator Foraker would appreciate the distinction his admirers would thus confer upon him, and it goes without the saying that the authorities of the college would be enthusiastic beyond measure in bringing the project to a successful culmination.

A leading minister of Greene county is of the opinion that if the colored people throughout the country would fall in with this very practical suggestion it would not be long before there would be established at this historic seat of learning a scholarship of at least $10,000, which would be a fortunate thing for the school and a lasting benefit to the race.

It has been reported that a group of well-known colored gentlemen are willing to head a subscription list, and to popularize the idea they think it would be well to limit the amount of the individual donations to one dollar—except in special cases where the giver is the possessor of large means and is particularly interested in Negro education. It is believed that the masses would take hold and contribute liberally if a start is vigorously made. The Negroes from ocean to ocean would gladly testify in this fashion to their gratitude for the labors of their champion, if they could be aroused and made to see the value of letting the strong men of the opposite race know that they lose nothing by standing up for the constitutional rights of the black people of America.

The colored press, the pulpit, public schools and organizations of various types are being asked to take up the matter and agitate the question, so that something of the kind may be speedily done.

Senator Foraker's brilliant career, his indomitable courage and untiring fight for justice, are too fresh in the national mind to need encomium. He has built his own monument in the hearts of the plain people, and all that ought to be necessary to awaken the Negro's sense of gratitude is to indicate the method by which the proposed honor can best be conferred upon this earnest battler for the right.

A hint to the wise is sufficient. It remains with the colored people of the country whether they think well of the plan that will not only give credit where credit is due, but assist materially in perpetuating the type of nature's noblemen for whom the eminent statesman has fought with unexampled vigor.

CHICAGO, ILL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

John Palmer, at 1814 Dearborn street, died last week. He leaves a mother and many friends.

COMMENCEMENT WEEK AT LANE COLLEGE.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

JACKSON, Tenn.—The week ending June 3 promises great things for the people of this community. It is the commencement week at Lane College. This closes the second term of this famous school under the administration of President J. F. Lane, A. M., and the outlook for the institution was never brighter. President Lane is an excellent disciplinarian, and the college is being pushed rapidly to its highest point in organization and efficiency. The new $12,500 hall for the girls is a beauty, and adds greatly to the classic appearance of things about the college. This is the first year this building has been used, and its erection marks the placing of the institution among the best equipped schools for our people in the South.

With the commencement occasions the college will close a most prosperous school year. The attendance has been good, and the work has gone forward along all lines. In addition to the regular exercises of the students of the various departments and the observance of field day and class day, the following well-known orators will contribute their services and greatly add to the interest of the exercises: Rev. T. J. Moppins, D. D., presiding elder of the West Kentucky Conference, will preach the baccalaureate serman Sunday morning, May 30, in the college chapel. At night of the same day Rev. John W. Smith, A. M., pastor of the Collins Chapel C. M. E. Church of Memphis, Tenn., will deliver the annual sermon before the theological students. Prof. William A. Lynk, '99, principal Public High School, Union City, Tenn., one of the most successful teachers of Tennessee, will deliver the annual address before the alumni association of the college on Wednesday evening, June 2. Thursday, June 3, is commencement day proper. The address before the graduating classes will be delivered by Rev. M. C. B. Mason, D. D., secretary Freedmen's Aid and Educational Society, of Cincinnati, Ohio. With this galaxy of talent the occasions in connection with the closing of school will be of intense interest. Each year friends from many places attend these exercises, as they are of more than local interest.

OPTIMISM.

"Everything that can happen to disrupt the relations between the races has already happened. We have reached, in my opinion, the extreme of racial friction, and reaction has already set in. The finest types of Southern character are becoming more and more each year disgusted with the extreme radicalism, with the extreme legislation, with the extreme methods of punishing the Negro, with the extreme utterances against his education. From now on, in my opinion, we are going to witness a sanity of self-control, a liberality on the part of the men of the white race in the South toward the Negro, that we have not witnessed in the past."—A statement by Booker T. Washington.

Let us hope that Mr. Washington sees it right as to the future. True enough, everything has "happened to disrupt the relations between the races." Whatever else may happen can only be of a kind to what has happened, a great, big admission, but for the best if the tide is beginning to turn. Mr. Washington is in a position to know, most especially concerning the South, and where the change is most needed. No one will take exceptions to him when he says extreme utterances against the Negroes' education have ceased. He, however, leaves unsaid anything pertaining to the political future. Is the political situation improving to the satisfaction of the leading colored men of the South? If they have concluded that the game's not worth the candle, turning to the marts, industrialism in general, where they find pleasure and profit, and, moreover, where they become agencies in providing means of existence for their race fellowmen, we may infer that even the political situation is improving, since these willingly turn aside to the pursuits of men as seen about them. In turning aside, they not only contribute to racial stability, but they simplify conditions by self elimination, the only apparent ugly feature of which was the pressure brought to bear—force, compelling the Negroes to preserve themselves. We say apparent ugly feature advisedly, looking mean and special in that the compelling influence was not exerted against other men.

On reflection, after years of reflection, it has been seen what was considered hardships have been saving remedies. The compelling influences, we do not say were directed with the design of making the Negroes independent in financial affairs; it was simply the result of the system and which system had to be if man were true to himself. The colored men were grossly in error as to judgment when they thought they were to be taken in on equal terms after what had been. Think of what happened; this added to the natural antipathy of races as they depart from the agreed notions of race perfectness. Those rules of common judgment are just beginning to be applied, after the relentless opposition of the years when the white South acted as one man. And must we add, and with reason? Reverse the situation, then think.

The Negro was unduly represented in politics; he has been very poorly prepared to take active part in politics even unto this day, since he is so little concerned with those interests with which politics has to do. It is logical that he waits until he has something to make a fuss about, and until he knows how to make a fuss about it. We will not be understood to mean that the Negroes drop out of sight politically; it means that they stir according to their interest, for that is the logic of the situation. When they do move it is noted, and called officiousness. If the Negro waits until he has something to make a fuss about, he will do just what is being done in the South. A calm activity in politics, we think, will be the expected, the exercising of the voting privilege will be expected, but it seems the sense of the day from the White House down that extreme rationalism is to rule. Men are being measured by actual conditions and not by the laws. Both parties are demanding fairly the same of the Negroes—that they get wise to the situation, become a real part of the citizenship as represented in the varied industries, so that the Negro at the ballot box is no longer the subject of a sneer for insignificance and worthlessnesss.

The sanity of self-control will be assured as the Negro becomes a more useful factor in the make-up of the country. There will ever be prejudice. There are many who don't mind seeing the Negroes down as a matter of proof of the assertion that they are worthless, but on a whole the white people of standing prefer to think of the Negroes doing well. They mention them with pride when doing well.

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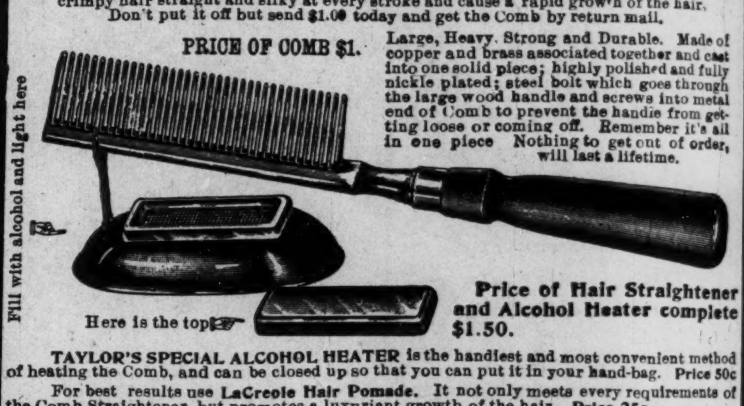
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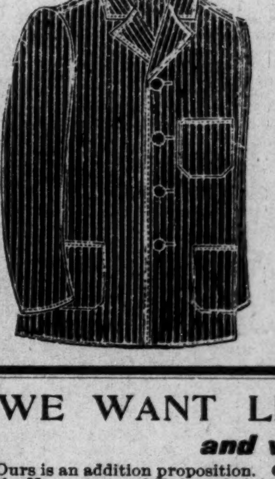

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(CONTINUED.)

Slim entered the canyon at the head of the scouts, driving the Apaches before him. Both Jack and Dick had fallen. Across the bodies a wave of the battle flowed.

Once the Indians rallied, but so sudden was the attack, so irresistible the forward dash of the cavalrymen, that they became discouraged and broke and fled toward their horses, with the soldiers in pursuit.

Slim hurried to Dick's side, seeing he was the worst hurt. As he knelt beside him the dying man opened his eyes and smiled. Leaning over him, Slim heard him gently whisper, "Tell her I know she was true and not to mind."

With a deep sigh, his eyelids fluttered, and all was still.

The scouts had taken charge of Jack, who was unconscious and bleeding freely.

DICK LANE.
PARK

Carved his name on a bowlder.

From the spring the fighting had drifted southward. Few of the Indians reached the horses, and fewer still got away. Scattering shots showed the hunt for those who fled on foot was still on.

Then soft and mellow over canyon and mesa and butte floated the bugle call, recalling the cavalrymen to the guidon. Back they came, cheering and tumultuous, only to be silenced by the presence of their dead.

They buried Dick's body near the spring and carved his name with a cavalry saber on a bowlder near by.

At dawn the next day they began the long march back to Fort Grant.

Slim took charge of Jack, nursing him back to life.

CHAPTER XV.

It is dawn in the valley of the Sweetwater. The outfit of Sweetwater ranch has gathered for the round-up and the drive to the railroad. In the absence of her husband Echo Payson had assumed complete charge of the ranch and with the help of Sagebrush had carried on the work just as she thought Jack would do, hoping against hope for his return in safety and hiding her sorrow from those about her.

Under a clump of cottonwood a chuck wagon has halted. Many of the boys on the round-up are still asleep, the night herders returning to camp. The cook, Parenthesis, has started his preparations for breakfast.

Parenthesis is mixing dough in a dishpan set on the tailboard. Sagebrush kneels near him, putting on his spurs preparatory to saddling up, as he goes on the first relief.

"Wake up Texas an' the other boys, Fresno," ordered Sagebrush. The Californian threw away the butt of his cigarette and shook each man by the shoulder. With much yawning and rubbing of eyes the men crawled from their sleeping bags. Dashing cold water into their faces from a basin beside the water barrel, they drank copiously of the coffee which Parenthesis poured out for them.

"Mostly all the boys are in now, ain't they?" asked Parenthesis, looking about the group.

"Yep," answered Sagebrush. "We'll finish brandin' the calves today. I reckon Fresno will have to take charge of the drive. I can't leave the ranch until Jack gets back."

Show Low was the only sleeper who had not responded to Parenthesis' call. That worthy walked over and gave him a kick which brought forth a grunt, but no other sign of an awakening. Returning to the fire, Parenthesis took a tin cup and poured himself out a cup of coffee.

"Heard any word from him yet?" he asked as he gulped the beverage.

"Nothin'," replied Sagebrush grimly. "Slim wrote from Fort Grant he was on the trail, but the 'Paches were out, an' they wouldn't let him leave the fort till the soldiers went with him."

"Slim hadn't oughter gone an' left things the way he did. Buck McKee is gettin' a lot of bad men together an' 'lows he is goin' to run fer sheriff himself," growled Fresno. "I got my eye on that Peruna."

"Peruna! Who's he?" asked Texas.

"One of Buck's outfit," answered Fresno. "He is mighty slick with the runnin' iron an' brandin' other folks' calves."

"We can't be too careful," warned Sagebrush. "Things is strained to the bustin' point, an' any promise of gun play is goin' to set off a whole lot of fireworks."

Show Low was on the verge of waking up. This he did by gradually increasing the volume of each snore and breaking it off with a whistle.

At the very moment Sagebrush suggested gun play Show Low snorted his loudest.

"What's that?" asked Sagebrush, grabbing his revolver.

"Show Low. He's a regular brass band when he gets started—from the big trombone down to the tin whistle," laughed Fresno.

"It's a wonder he can sleep alongside of that noise."

"He can't," Fresno volunteered. "He'll wake himself up in a minute. He's off now."

The snores of Show Low grew more frequent until he climaxed his accompaniment of sleep with one awful snort, which awakened him. "Eh, what's that?" he yelled as he bounded to a sitting posture.

"Didn't I tell you?" queried Fresno.

Sagebrush grinned and slowly arose, gathering up his saddle and rope.

Swinging one over each arm, he started toward the corral, saying: "Come on, boys; we got a lot to do today. Git your hosses."

The night riders were coming into camp, meeting their comrades with grunts or in a few words telling them what to guard against in some particular part of the grazing herd.

The sun had risen. The cattle were on their feet browsing the short, sweet grass, moving slowly toward the river.

"Work!" growled Show Low. "Darn me if I ain't commenced to hate it!"

Fresno picked up his saddle to follow his foreman, but paused long enough to fire this parting shot at the cook: "Say, Parenthesis, if them biscuits you're makin' is as hard as the last bunch, save four of 'em for me. I want to shoe that pony of mine."

Parenthesis threw a tin cup at Fresno, who dodged it. Punching the dough viciously, he said: "Darn this housekeepin'! Gets a feller's hands all rough. It's enough to spile the disposition of a saint."

His soliloquy was interrupted by Buck McKee riding up to the wagon from the Lazy K outfit, which was camping a mile below them.

"Hello, cookie! How goes it?" was his greeting.

"You wind it up, an' it goes eight days," Parenthesis bellowed, his temper fast reaching the breaking point.

"Jack Payson ain't back yet?" Buck asked, paying no attention to the bad humor of Parenthesis.

"Not that I knows on."

The cook rolled the dough with elaborate care.

"Nor Hoover?"

"Ain't seen him," he replied curtly.

"Well, they hain't comin' back, either. They pulled it off pretty slick on us fellers. Hoover he lets Payson go an makes a bluff at chasin' after him. Then they gets off somewhere, splits up the money an' gives us the laugh."

"Eh, what's that?" he yelled.

Parenthesis turned on him in anger and shouted: "I'll bet my outfit against a pair of green socks that either one of 'em or both will be back here before this round-up is over."

"You will, eh?" snarled Buck. "Well, we're jes' waitin' fer 'em. We'll swing Payson so high he'll look like a buzzard, an' as fer Hoover—well, he's served his last term as sheriff in this here county—you hear me shoutin'."

McKee cut his pony with his quirt and dashed away in time to escape an unwelcome encounter with several members of the Sweetwater outfit who were riding back to camp.

The men were riding out their new string of ponies today. As each passed Parenthesis flung a gibe at him. He had resumed his breadmaking when Polly rode up to the wagon.

"Yep, fer straddlin' a hoss."

"Hello, Parenthesis!" was her greeting. "What is the matter with you?"

"Nothin'. This here housekeepin' is gettin' on my nervous system some fearful." Parenthesis struck the dough a savage whack and added, "I ain't cut out fer housekeepin'."

"You've been cut out all right," retorted Polly, glancing at his legs, "whatever it's for."

Parenthesis was not abashed. "Yep, fer straddlin' a hoss," he proudly replied, as if that were the chief end of man.

Polly, thus balked in her teasing, tried a new form of badinage.

"Say, the boys are all braggin' on your breadmakin'. Won't you give me your receipt?"

"Good cooks," said Parenthesis, "never give away their receipts. Brings bad luck to 'em next time."

"Aw, come now, Parenthy, tell me, an' I'll let you make my weddin' cake."

"Will you? An' let me put in whatever I want fer jokes on the boys?"

"Yep, everything goes."

"Oh, I'll give 'em somethin' to dream on, you can bet your sweet life—soap fer Fresno's finger, clothespin fer Show Low's nose, bottle of anty-fat fer Slim! It's a swop, Miss Polly!"

"Well, out with your great secret of breadmakin'."

"Well, Miss Polly, I take flour an' water an' sourin's an' a pinch of salt"—

"Flour an' water an' sourin's an' a pinch of salt!" repeated Polly, totting the list off on her fingers. "Why, so do I, an' so does every one. It must lie in the workin'. How long do you work the dough, Parenthesis?"

"It must lie in the workin'," repeated Parenthesis solemnly. "Why, I work it an' work it"— he continued with exaspering slowness.

"How long do you work it?" asked Polly impatiently.

"Till my han's look purty clean-like!" said Parenthesis, holding up his floury paws.

"Then you've got a day's work still before you!" snapped Polly, huffed at seeing herself the victim of a chaffing that she herself had begun. "I won't bother you any longer. So long!"

Parenthesis, however, desired to continue the conversation. "When is this here hitch between you an' Bud comin' off?" he asked.

Polly drew herself up proudly and, speaking with assumed haughtiness, replied, "We're figurin' on sendin' out the cards next month."

The cowboy's eyes twinkled. "Well, I'm a-goin' to give up cigaroot smokin'."

"What for?" asked Polly in surprise.

"Goin' in trainin' to kiss the bride."

"That's nice!" said Polly, beaming.

"Yep, have to take up chawin', like Bud Lane."

Polly was saved from having to answer by Sagebrush galloping up to the wagon.

"Put on your gun!" he shouted to Parenthesis.

Asking no questions, the cowpuncher obeyed his foreman. Trouble was brewing; that he could plainly see. All he had to do was to obey orders and shoot when any one tried to point a gun at him.

Turning to Polly, he cried, "Where's Mrs. Payson?"

"She come over with me, but stopped to look over the tally for those cows that are goin' with the drive."

More to himself than to Parenthesis or Polly, Sagebrush said: "I wish she'd stayed at the ranch. This range is no place fer women now. Buck McKee an' his outfit has tanked up with Gila whisky, an' they're just pawin' fer trouble."

"What's come over people lately?" asked Polly.

"It's all along of Hoover goin' away like he did an' leavin' us without a sheriff or nobody that is anybody makin' a bluff at law an' order!" cried Sagebrush.

"It's sot this section back twenty years," observed Parenthesis.

"That's what it has," agreed the foreman. "Fresno reports that he found that Peruna of the Lazy K outfit slappin' the Lazy K brand on one of our calves. There ain't nobody can maverick no calves belongin' to this outfit, not so long as I'm ranch boss an' captain of the round-up. We've got to take the law in our own han's an' make an example of this bunch right now."

Sagebrush meant what he said. He was gathering re-enforcements from his own men. He knew that the boys of the Allen ranch would side with him, and he felt that there were enough lovers of law and order in the county to declare themselves against the high handed methods of Buck McKee and his followers.

"Come on, you fellows!" shouted Show Low as he rode past the wagon up the range.

"What is it now?" asked Sagebrush.

Over his shoulder Show Low shouted: "We all had a run-in with that Buck McKee's bunch. Fresno's laid out with a hole in his shoulder. Billie Nicker's cashed in. I've got some of the Triangle boys, an' we're goin' to make a clean-up."

"You ain't goin' to do nothin' unless I say so. We don't want no range war. We'll git the man that did the killin'. Come on!" commanded Sagebrush.

"Gee, I'll miss something if I don't hurry up!"

Polly galloped after the men, saying, "Gee, I'll miss something if I don't hurry up!"

CHAPTER XVI.

When Jack closed the door behind him to follow and find Dick Lane and bring him back to the woman who, the restorer believed, loved him, Echo Payson realized the supremacy over her soul—her pure ideals, her lofty sense of justice—of its tenement, the woman's body. The moral side of her desire toward Jack now became fixed in the purpose to lift him up to her own level.

Now that he had gone from her on a mission that was fulfilling this very purpose of regeneration, although she had not sent him upon it for his sake, but her own, Echo knew that, after all, she was a woman. She loved Jack Payson with the unreasoning and unrestrained passion that sways even the highest of her sex.

She very sensibly took refuge from her perplexing problems by jumping into the active life of the ranch.

Faithfully she tried to perform all that she thought Jack would have done. Her father and mother wanted her to come back to her old home until he returned. There she would have more company and fewer memories of Jack surrounding her. Each offer, each suggestion, was kindly but firmly put aside. When Jack returned she must be the first to welcome him.

Echo and her father, who was looking after his own cattle on the round-up, rode up to the chuck wagon after Parenthesis and Sagebrush crossed the valley to mete out justice to Peruna and fight out any attempts at a rescue.

Dismounting, Echo walked wearily to the fire and sat down on a box. Bravely though she tried to conceal it, the strain was beginning to tell upon her. The tears would come at times despite her efforts to fight them off. The burden was so heavy for her young shoulders to bear.

A note from Slim, written at Fort Grant with a lead pencil on a sheet of manila paper, told her briefly that he was going into the lava beds with the troops, as the Apaches were out. Dick and Jack, he wrote, were somewhere in the lava beds and he would bring them back with him. She dared not let herself think of the Apaches and the horrors of their cruelties.

"Better let me get you somethin' to eat," said her father, returning from picketing the horses.

Echo smiled wanly at her father's solicitude. "I am not hungry, dad."

Jim seated himself by the fire. He recognized his helplessness in this trouble.

"You been in the saddle since sun-up," he said. "You ain't had nuthin' to eat since breakfast. I don't see what keeps you alive."

"Hope, dad, hope. It is what we women live upon. My heart isn't here. It's out in the desert behind yon mountains—with Jack."

"There, there; don't take on so, honey."

Kneeling beside her father, she laid her head on his lap, as she did in childhood when overwhelmed with the little troubles of the hour. Looking into his eyes, she sighed: "Oh, dad, it's all so tangled. I haven't known a peaceful moment since he went away. I've sent him away into God knows what unfriendly lands, perhaps never to return, never to know how much I loved him."

Patting her head as if she were a tired child, he said: "It'll all come out right in the end. You can't never tell from the sody card what's in hock at the bottom of the deck."

Further confidences between father and daughter were interrupted by the boys of the round-up dashing up to the wagon, with Peruna in the midst of the group. Peruna had been disarmed. Dragging the prisoner from his broncho, they led him before Allen, who had risen from his seat.

"What's all this, boys?" asked the ranchman.

Sagebrush, as foreman, explained, "This here's Peruna of the Lazy K outfit."

Allen looked at the prisoner, who maintained a sullen silence. "What's he been doin'?"

"Mostly everything, but Fresno caught him red handed brandin' one of our yearlin's," cried Sagebrush.

"It's a lie!" broke in Peruna, glancing doggedly from one to another of his guards. He knew death was the penalty of the crime of which he stood accused. He felt that a stout denial would gain him time and that Buck and his outfit might come up and save him.

"Polite your conversation in the presence of a lady!" cried Parenthesis, nodding toward Echo.

"That calf was follerin' my cow," answered Peruna sullenly.

"It was follerin' one of our long horned Texas cows with the Sweetwater brand spread all over her!" shouted Show Low, moving menacingly toward the cowering Peruna.

"Fresno he calls him," continued Sagebrush, taking up the story, "an' this here bad man turns loose his battery an' wings Fresno some bad. Then little Billie Nicker comes along, an' Peruna plugs him solid."

Poor Billie had been Show Low's bunkie on many a long drive. That veteran now paid this last tribute to his friend. "Billie, who ain't never done no harm to no one."

"He reached fer his gun"— began Peruna. Sagebrush would not let him finish his lame defense.

"You shet up!" he cried. "We don't want your kind on this range, an' the quicker that's published the quicker we'll get shet of you. We're goin' to take the law in our own hands now. Come on, boys!"

Two of the boys seized Peruna, dragging him toward his horse. Echo halted them, however, with the query, "What are you going to do with this man?"

"Take him down to the creek an' hang him to that big cottonwood!" cried Show Low savagely.

Before Echo could answer Peruna demanded a hearing. "Hol' on a minute. I got somethin' to say about that!"

"Out with it," growled Sagebrush.

"Las' time there was an affair at that cottonwood the rope broke, an' the hoss thief dropped into the creek, swum acrost an' got away."

Sagebrush glared grimly at Peruna. "Well, we'll see that the rope don't break with you."

In all seriousness Peruna replied: "I hope so. I can't swim."

Polly, glancing down the valley, saw Buck McKee, with a half dozen of his outfit, riding furiously to the rescue of Peruna.

"Look out, boys; here comes Buck McKee now!" she shouted.

Unconsciously the men laid their hands on their guns and assumed offensive attitudes.

(Continued Next Week,)

"ARBOR DAY" AT WILBERFORCE.

Carnegie to Give $17,500 for Girls' Dormitory—President Scarborough to Raise Like Amount—Hard at Work on the Needed $100,000—A Cheering Outlook.

WILBERFORCE, Ohio, May 1.—"Arbor Day," authorized by law and set apart by the proclamation of Governor Judson Harmon, was appropriately observed here on the 16th. Special exercises were held at 1:30 p. m. in Shorter Hall, and at 2:30 the faculty, students and friends of the University assembled on the college campus to continue the music and speeches and to plant trees and vines. Addresses emphasizing the spirit of the occasion were delivered by former Chaplain T. G. Steward and Miss Hallie Quinn Brown. H. G. Payne, Miss Ethel Spotts and Mr. Alleyn, representing the senior class, extolled "Arbor Day," while W. P. Bayless, of the junior class, J. F. Wilson, of the sophomore class, and C. F. David and W. Burden, of the freshman class, performed a like service. The class songs and "yells" were notable features. Three promising trees were planted.

President W. S. Scarborough delighted the throng by announcing that Andrew Carnegie, the famous "steel king," had agreed to donate the handsome sum of $17,500 for a girls' dormitory, provided the university would raise a like amount. The building, as now planned, is to cost $35,000.

"I have accepted Mr. Carnegie's generous offer," said Prof. Scarborough, amid tremendous applause, "and will at once proceed to raise the amount required. We can put up a very beautiful building for $35,000. With proper energy on our part, the task should be an easy one. We hope to begin the actual work of construction this fall. Aside from this, I shall continue to work until we raise the $100,000 that is needed to develop the institution to the point where it can serve our people as they should be served, and to care for the immense number of bright young men and women who would come to us if we could find room and adequate facilities for their education. I am greatly pleased with the results that have flown out of our efforts so far, and am hoping for still greater things in the future."

The commencement season will be on soon, and it is the opinion of all who have kept track of the school that it will be the grandest period in the history of Wilberforce University. Many distinguished visitors will be present, and the program will be graced by the best speakers in the country. The school is in splendid condition, and the administration of President Scarborough bids fair to break all records.

LOUISVILLE OBSERVATIONS BY OUR FIELD AGENT.

The colored people of Louisville are very energetic. They number about fifty thousand, and have many institutions of learning which are a credit to them, and many young men and women of the race who are engaged in all the various professions and business enterprises, as a large number of graduates from the various universities and colleges, both North and South, have settled here, and are making their power felt in the uplift of their race, which means a great deal for Louisville.

Among the various institutions is the Colored Library, which contains about seven thousand volumes of the best books. At its head is Mr. Blur, who has four assistants. It was given to the colored people of Kentucky by the city. This shows that the white people are assisting the Negroes on their onward march to enlightenment. Let us hope that the good work will continue.

The Douglas Building is another institution, which is situated on West Walnut street, between Seventh and Eighth, one of the prominent thoroughfares of the city. It is a three-story brick, and is the home of the Foregn Mission Board. The Woman's Department is managed by Miss Fannie Boroughs, one of the leading women of our race. The Men's Department is equipped with modern machinery and managed by T. Maize, who has five assistants. He is proud of his work.

Louisville has also many thrifty business and professional men. Among them is H. E. Hall, a graduate of Hampton Institute, who is the head of the National Benevolent Insurance Company of Kentucky. It came under the control of the present management in 1904, and is increasing in membership every day.

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SATURDAY, MAY 15, 1909.

President Taft will work down to the colored contingent by and by.

May is now in the act of redeeming itself. May it continue. For a while it was thought that the month had forgotten its duty.

If the mob will lynch Negroes, they owe it to themselves that it be for something different than assaulting white women.

Those animals in Africa might just as well lie down when they see Mr. Roosevelt coming. It would amount to the same thing.

Then if the thousands of clerks can attend the baseball games in Washington, D. C., it means something to the baseball magnates.

Senator Aldrich says that he has studied the question for thirty years, and therefore he knows what he is talking about. Both sides?

It begins to look as if the tariff business in Congress has been reduced to the point where it is merely a question of victory or defeat for the pros or cons.

It is evident that the Porto Ricans must come clean if they want the good will of Uncle Sam. President Taft says they are toying with their opportunities.

If the show business called for all the bad weather we've been enduring, they might have put us further down the list. Nobody wants to be up so high on the program anyhow.

Melmed V has buckled on the sword of Osman, kissed the sacred robe, and done the other functions incident to his ascendency to the throne of Turkey, hence he has been duly coronated.

If the tariff would simply keep up the wages without the arbitrary slashing from time to time, wouldn't mind if food did stay up. But with food up and wages down, it's a hard combination to beat.

The National Negro Business Men's League meets for its annual session at Louisville this year. Indianapolis can stand another meeting; the stimulus of the meeting a few years ago has about died out.

Then, too, May should remember that it must furnish the flowers for Decoration Day—a distinction not coming to any other month. It will have to work like a Trojan to be ready by the 30th.

The Freeman appreciated invitation to be present and and platform ticket to the men's meeting of the Washington Colored Y. M. C. A., at Belasco Theater, Sunday, May 9, Washington, D. C. Dr. Booker T. Washington was the speaker.

The Boston police have captured two more persons, men who want James Whitla's money. They demanded $10,000, and while awaiting a reply in the postoffice were arrested. They threatened to kidnap Willie unless the money was forthcoming.

Ex-President Roosevelt is making good in Africa. He and Kermit are keeping them busy carrying them away. Mr. Roosevelt won friends for his nerve; he is still winning them. He seems to have a strange streak, but it counts like everything in his favor.

Among the great number of candidates for the Recorder of Deeds, at Washington, D. C., is Scipio A. Jones, of Arkansas. He has the indorsement of the Republican State Central Committee of his State. Mr. Jones is one of the best-known Negro lawyers in the South.

Tyler, Tex., is again in evidence as a scene of mob violence. May 1 the new court house was dedicated to the public use by hanging a Negro from the scaffolding. Some years ago a mob burned its victim. The same was suggested in this case, but cooler heads prevailed.

"Col. J. O. Midnight," the well-known newspaper correspondent, has been thrown in the reflective mood by the passing of so many great men. He does not know when he may be called on to join the innumerable caravan, etc. Then, to paraphrase on Mr. Longfellow, deaths of great men also remind us. We are enjoyed to be ye also ready by the Master, for we know not the hour, very often, of the shuffling off of this mortal coil, as Shakespeare would say.

The government clerks in Washington want to see more baseball than they have been in the habit of seeing. A daylight movement is on foot by which the clerks hope to go to work at 8 o'clock in the morning and quit at 3:30 in the afternoon, instead of 4 o'clock. The movement seems to meet with favor.

The Porto Ricans, according to President Taft, have been dallying with their opportunity. One house of its Legislature refused to pass an appropriation bill because the other failed to act on measures it was interested in. Between the two their government has been sewed up for a period.

Robert Pellham is another prominent Negro to have been arrested by the Washington, D. C., police. Pellham didn't like the way the policeman was clubbing a Negro woman. He got busy taking names for witnesses with a view of prosecuting the policeman. He was ordered to move on. Not moving fast enough, he was also taken in.

Charleston, W. Va., is proving the colored man's political haven. Among the many political plums recently awarded were some that deserve mentioning, since they are unusual to most other localities, even when similar from political and racial viewpoints. Two men are sanitary inspectors, at $70 per month; two crematory men, at $70 and $60; poundmaster, $25 and fees; city paver, $60.

The playground is now being strenuously advocated as a feature of child life—conducive to its health and happiness. Some one has said, where sunshine goes the doctor does not, and vice versa. The assertion is liberal, but the truth may be extracted. And why not? Is the sun less helpful to the little boys and girls than to the little plants? A bright, sunny day will sometimes chase the blues from a grown-up person.

Albert S. White, dean of the Central Law School, Louisville, Ky., is one of the well-known candidates for the Liberian or Haytian missions, he having been endorsed strongly for either by Senator Bradley, of Kentucky. It had been said that Mr. White was a candidate for the Haytian mission only, the place now held by W. H. Furness, of Indiana. Mr. White is a capable man, the leading Negro lawyer of his State, and also the leading politician.

President Taft has also seen fit to express himself on the canal situation. In a recent issue of McClure's Magazine he expressed himself at length and interestingly. Whatever may have been his former views, he proved an excellent advocate for the type of canal now in the process of making. The reasons for increased cost over the first estimate are plausibly set forth, most of which are due to deliberate changes in the plans, and which were necessary in view of the probable demands on the canal.

Heretofore the Freeman has expressed no preference between applicants for the Recordership of Deeds for the District of Columbia. But now that the name of our fellow townsman and neighbor, James H. Lott, has been formally presented to the President by Senator Beveridge for the position, backed up by many of the best citizens of this State, we deem it but just to Mr. Lott and to the colored people of this State to say that no man, be he white or colored, in this or any other State, more richly deserves such recognition at the hands of the Republican party than Mr. Lott. Besides being a man of character and ability, he is a faithful worker for his party's success, always ready to go at the call of the managers of the campaign for the achievement of party victory. His appointment would be creditable to his party and his race, and should be made by the President.

If no monument ever marks the grave of President William H. Councill, the great institution which is the result of the labor of his busy life will be a fitting monument to his memory. Well that his resting place is midst the scenes of the activity of Normal. Here the boys and girls can never go so far as to forget the principles for which President Councill lived and labored, and the policies that made Normal famous and acceptable. His early life was marked by hardships and deprivations. He had none of the advantages which he has striven to make possible for the boys and girls of other generations. How well that life has been spent, and the impression it has created, is attested by the hearty and sincere tributes paid to the memory of the illustrious educator. Perhaps the best evidence of the greatness of the man is shown in the fact that the principles which he advocated years ago, and for which he was bitterly opposed, afterwards became the acknowledged standard of Negro endeavors. Normal and its graduates will always do well in its policies and in their lives if the memory of President Councill ever abides and his influence accepted as a shining star.—From the Normal Index, the publication of Dr. Councill's school.

WEST BADEN, IND.

Edward H. Rogers, who has been nursing at the West Baden Hotel for the past two years, is now in Long Island City, N. Y., in attendance upon Capt. W. H. Williams, a well-known eastern business man.

MARIANNA, FLA.

The Odd Fellows' sermon was preached at St. Luke's Baptist Church, Sunday night, by the pastor, Rev. Edgar Allen. Mr. Willie Hughes delivered the address.

CLARKSVILLE, TENN.

Mrs. D. A. Trotman left for Chicago Sunday morning....Mrs. E. H. Smith, of Steelton, Pa., was the guest of Mrs. P. T. Ligon, Thursday, May 6....Rev. Sam Beasley, of Coffeeville, Kans., was a pleasant caller at No. 1034 Main street last week....The missionary meeting is in session at the First Baptist Church. W. H. C. Stokes, pastor. ....Hebron Lodge, I. O. O. F., held its annual sermon at St. John's Baptist Church, Sunday, May 9. The sermon was preached by Rev. Seymore....Mt. Hermon Lodge, No. 87, I. O. O. F., held its annual sermon at St. Peter's Church, Sunday, May 9. The sermon was preached by Rev. Boone....The Ladies' Book Club met with Mrs. Cherry, in Ninth street, Thursday....Mrs. Lou Barker was buried from St. John's Baptist Church, Thursday of last week. The funeral was conducted by Rev. Metcalf....The Freeman on sale at No. 1034 Main street. Geo. P. Ligon, agent.

POST OAK, ALA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mr. Daniel Broadenax and Miss Harriett Bean were married Sunday afternoon, May 2, at the home of Mrs. Elmira Bean, three miles west of Post Oak. Rev. Moore officiated. The best man was Mr. Albert Bell and the maid of honor was Mrs. Susie Bell. A large number of friends were present.... W. H. Wallace, The Freeman's agent, spent several days in Post Oak last week. While there he was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Cameron. Mr. Cameron is a successful farmer. He owns a comfortable home and seven acres of land....Rev. Jas. Perry, the pastor of the Baptist Church, will preach the third Sunday in the month.

QUINCY, ILL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Lieut. C. H. Freeman and wife, of Jacksonville, Ill., were the guests of Mrs. Oliver Jackson last Sunday...Miss Katie Kenney is very sick—The Eighth and Elm street church is preparing for a large attendance at the Baptist convention, which will meet here May 20...Mr. Wm. Brown succeeded Lieut. Frank Robinson on the police force last week...Mr. and Mrs. Coin lost everything they had in the storm last Saturday.

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Sir S. W. Green, Supreme and Grand Chancellor of the K. of P., has returned home from the Grand Lodge session, held at Lake Charles, La., where he was re-elected. ....The Freeman is for sale at the Lincoln Park ticket office. T. R. Anderson, agent.

CLARKSDALE, MISS.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

J. H. Hogan made a quick trip to Vicksburg, Miss., on the 9th to see after the new fixtures to be installed in the Palace Glee Co., of which he is president. This company was organized with a number of young men with a capital stock of $1,000. The building which they will occupy is being erected on Yazoo avenue, near the G. & M. V. depot. They expect to open their doors on June 1.

KANSAS CITY, MO.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Allah Temple No. 6, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and Allah Court, Daughters of Isis, will trolley to Leavenworth Friday night, May 21, and indulge in the erpsicorian art. Noble T. W. H. Williams, potentate; Noble A. Frank Neal, headwater at Baltimore and 33 degree Mason, recorder; Noble George Roberts, treasurer...Under the auspices of the Matron's Administrative Council O. E. S. a beautiful floral march was held in Lyric Hall May 11. Bell Edwards, matron; Alice Clark, secretaryIarus Temple No. 116, S. M. T. and the United Order of True Reformers will give their third annual may party at Lyric Hall May 18. Mrs. Emma Hart, chairman... Mr. Lonnie Hawkins passed through our city en route to Boston in search of talent for his Pekin of Music in San Francisco.

FLINT, MICH.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Russel Artis was elected delegate to the A. M. E. Sunday school convention at Saginaw June 10...Mrs. B. Perry, of Albany, N. Y., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Wm. Lyons, of Pine street, who is very ill...Rev. E. Allen, presiding elder, preached a fine sermon Wednesday evening, after whic hhe held Quarterly Conference, he also visited the Thursday Club Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. S. Lawrence, and gave them a fine address on the work they were doing and of the lead our women were taking in church work all over the district. Some joined the club, and they made arrangements for a parlor social at the home of Mrs. J. O. Linneys May 14...Mr. and Mrs. Charley Clay, of eDtroit, will make their home in Flint...Mrs. Ropper, of Ypsilanti, is visiting her brother, Mr. C. Jones...Mr. J. Roberts, marble setter of Detroit, is doing some finishing work on the new city hall... Miss Lillian Williams spent Sunday in Saginaw.

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MINEOLA, TEX.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

A large number of the farmers planted their cotton over last week, but the corn crop is good....Prof. Earnest Denard is with us again and will stay awhile....Miss Addie McFarland is at home now. She is one of the best teachers in the State....J. P. Gunter is cooking for N. S. Sodekson....The First Baptist Church will soon be completed. ....Sandy Anderson has fresh butter on hand all the time.

SHELBYVILLE, IND.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Sunday was red-letter lay for the Second aBptist Church of this city and large crowds were at the church continuously from early morning till the close of the services in the evening. The occasion being the third anniversary of the church. Several former pastors were in attendance, including Rev. Miles Bassett, the oldest ex-pastor, Rev. J. R. Miller, second oldest, and Rev. F. P. Green. They gave excellent talks, complimenting Rev. H. W. Jones and his congregation. Music features of the day were in charge of William Hines, choir leader... Mrs. S. A. Ramsey returned Thursday from Connersville...A monkey was given away Tuesday to the lucky boy or girl by the Rosar-Mason stock company...Splendid services were conducted at the Second M. E. Church last Sunday...Mr. and Mrs. John Grimes have moved to Illinois...The Shelbyville glove factory opened Tuesday. Twenty-five machines were put in running order.

GREENVILLE, TEX.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Dora Baker and J. W. Wesby are on the sick list...Mr. Earnest Vance is convalescing...Little Jim Hasken was quiet sick last week...Revival at New Hope Baptist church...I. H. Hines was in Clarksville, Tex., last week...Rev. J. W. King preached the Odd Fellows' annual sermon, which was well delivered and impressive...Prof. T. W. Pratt and Jim Griffin have nearly completed their homes...Jas. Jefferson was out of the city on business last week...The C. M. E. Sunday school and Epworth League enjoyed a picnic Saturday...Hasken & Veal have opened up their cafe.

DELHI, O.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Geo. oBston gave an ice cream social and entertainment at her home Saturday evening. A neat sum was realized and a pleasant time enjoyed by all present... Mrs. S. Murphy, of Washington avenue, has a very sick baby at the present writing... Rev. W. H. Lewis, pastor of the Baptist church, has been scheduled to preach the rally sermon at Sekiten, Ohio, the fourth Sunday in this month for the Rev. J. H. Brooks, of the C. M. E. Church. The meeting will be held in the city hall. Several other speakers of note have been engaged and a grand time is expected.

MASSILLON, O.

Mose Lowry, who was attacked with a hemorhage during the S. S. convention, is isproving slowly.

BOONVILLE, IND.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Annie Bronston is viting her parents in Newburgh this week...Willie Lee left Sunday for a few days stay in Owensboro, Ky....Clarence Bronston has signed up with the Brown & Jones team...Prof. H. C. Morpin schol will close the 27th. They will unite with Newburgh and Rockport schools. ...Miss Hattie M. Loving has returned from Newburgh, where she has been at the bedside of her sister, Mrs. Eva D. Hartaway... Bennie Simmon is still on the sick list...The Odd Fellows and House of Ruth of this place went to Evansville in a body to their annual thanksgiving service. Rev. Dr. Shaw, of the A. M. E. Church delivered a wonderful sermon...Mrs. Sallie Grimes, wife of Rev. Peter Grimes, who has been on the sick list for quite a while, is better at this writing... Rev. J. C. G. Graves filled the stand at the Baptist Church Sunday...There will be a grand rally at the M. E. Church Sunday. Preaching services at 11 a. m., 3 and 7:30 p. m. The public is cordially invited. Rev. I. F. White, pastor...Master Edward Davis, who was struck by the traction car last week, had ten stitches taken on the face and three on the shoulder. He is reporetd doing nicely...The Knights of Pythias lodge that set up here last Wednesday week is doing nicely...Misses Agnes and Meria Morpin, Mis Cora Brown and John Griffett will graduate this month...Mr. Clifford Simmons, who is in the first year at high school and is also making a record, was elected keeper of records and seal of the K. of P....The Knights of Pythias will turn out in a body and go to Evansville.

TOLEDO, O.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The Nagihicim Glee Club of the U. of M., which is composed of Negro students, gave a fine program Friday evening, May 7, at the First Baptist Church. The boys showed real college life in the ensembling of the first act. The whole program was a success. Those who are natives of Toledo should especially appeal to the mothers and fathers and most particularly to those who have boys and girls now ready to leave the high schools.....The All Saints' Episcopal Mission is about to lose one of its best friends and admirers in the person of the Rev. Mr. Leffingwell, who is now about to close his term as diocesan missionary of the Toledo district. Mr. Leffingwell has done all in his power worthy of a churchman to promote the cause and growth of All Saints. In his farewell sermon he spoke encouragingly of the favorable growth and gains of this little mission. The pastor and congregation voiced with one accord wishes for the achievement of unsurmountable joys in his new field, which may speak gratuitously as a monument to his goodness and inspiring stimulus. ....You can boast of your everything, but Warren A. M. E. Church has her boast in her Sunday school, which is the largest in Toledo, white or colored. We ourselves have found it pleasant to indorse Warren A. M. E. Sunday school. We lay stress upon the wise management which has at its head as superintendent Mr. Ed Clemmons. The choice of Mr. Clemmons was one of noble judgment, he being well fitted for the place. Te organization of the Sunday school merits the wise co-operation of the teachers and scholars. Thereby the pastor, Rev. John A. Collins, supersedes with his Sunday school.

YOUNGSTOWN, O.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Wallace Ormes and Mrs. William Hull, of Warren, visited Bonesetter Reese, Saturday. Mrs. Ormes dislocated her shoulder....John Eckes, John Holmes and Mrs. Tucker remain the same....John Hartz was released from the hospital last week....Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Fagan and Mrs. Etta Lincoln are able to be out after a short illness. ....Mrs. Young, Langston Burton, Miss Hazel Harper and George Woods are improving....Mrs. Charles Jackson, of Myrtle avenue, spent a few days in Mt. Vernon with her brother....The Sewing Circle of the Oak Hill Avenue Church met at Mrs. Swinton's Thursday afternoon. The meeting was well attended....Mrs. Howard Jenkins and Mr. A. Thompson, the tonsorial artist, are on the sick list....Mrs. E. E. Budanaura was the guest of Mrs. C. J. Walker, in Pittsburg, last week....Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Berry have moved to their country home south of Connersburg....Mrs. G. Simpson, of Akron, spent a few days with her son, Dr. F. H. Simpson....William Saunders' opening skating party, Monday evening, at Avon Park Rink, was well attended, and as the weather was bad he will have a party Monday evening, May 17, and on the 24th a number of races....The event of the 17th, Monday evening, skating at Avon Park Rink; Tuesday evening, grand ball, by A. H. Berry, in Excelsior Park; grand concert and literary entertainment, by the Young Men's Progressive Club, in Town Hall, and a dance by the Buckeye Lodge of Elks.... Charles Washington, Mrs. Leonard and Mrs. Hines are on the sick list....Rev. Paterson, of Newcastle, was in the city Sunday.

PARIS, KY.

Special to The Freeman.

Olie Moore, of Cincinnati, O., was visiting our city last week, the guest of Alford Bedford...Mrs. Mollie Redmon was visiting Mrs. Tribbue and aut, of Cincinnati, this week...Mrs. Kalimese is very ill at this writing, and is not expected to recover. Her daughter, of New York, is expected home this week...The Grand United Order of Odd Fellows and Household of Ruth had their annual sermon at the First Baptist Church. The Patriarches Camp was in session the first time since it organize, four or five weeks ago. Capt. Bright has done himself honor for the short time he has had his men in training...Mrs. J. C. Gatewood spent the day with Mrs. Henry Finch, at her beautiful Hill Top home...Prof. and Mrs. Jackson sang to a crowded house at Paris, Ky., Tuesday night...Hatten Darnell was buried recently from his mother's residence at Ruckville...Cheek Stout, of Cincinnati, a resident of Paris, died at his mother's home at Brentville, Ky...Mrs. Sherman Colman has just returned from Tennessee.

MUNCIE, IND.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Master Dan Kelley has received transportation by the Woman's Improvement Club to sing at Bellefontaine, O...Mrs. Evlin Brown has been called to New Castle...Mrs. Bell Mitchell attended the funeral of her aunt, Mrs. Frances Jackson, at Oxford, O.... Frank Evans has returned to Muncie after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. George Evans at Henderson, Ky.—Charlie Palmer has gone to Kokomo, Ind., to visit his brothers...The annual thanksgiving sermon of the Gas Belt Lodge No. 3012, G. U. of O. F., and Households of Ruth, will be held at the A. M. E. Church, Sunday, May 16...On Monday evening, May 17, a grand ball will be given by the Patriarchs at Franklin Hall...Robert Wallace, Frank Means, Miss Hawkins, Orvil Hanes and Scottie Gram report a very pleasant trip to Knightstown, Ind., last Monday. ...Ambrose Miller, of Richmond, Ind., was a visitor at the K. P. Hall Monday evening.

LOGANSPORT, IND.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Dickson entertained Mr. and Mrs. Henry Harris and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. aMlone at dinner Sunday...Mrs. S. L. Harris and son Harry went to Rockville, Ind., Saturday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Artist...Mr. Manley Newsom has purchased a new two-story home on Washington street, south side, and will soon be located there...Mrs. Essie Means has gone to New Castle and Anderson for a couple of weeks' visit...The adult choir is preparing some special music for the reopening Sunday, which is the 23d, and for the Sunday school convention, which convenes in this city the 26th to the 29th of this month. ...Rev. N. W. Williams, of Richmond, Ind., made a business call on Rev. J. L. Craven last Wednesday...Rev. [illegible] W. Thomas, who has been in the city since last Thursday in the interest of the Colored Industrial School, to be erected in Indianapolis, left the city Monday morning...Mr. and Mrs. W. Loundes, of Madison, Ind., issued several invitations in this city Monday for their wooden wedding anniversary, which they will celebrate Friday, May 28, a their home in Madison. Mrs. Lowndes was formally Miss Minnie Hale, of Crawfordsville...Mrs. Geo. Allen and Miss Janet Jones were the delegates elected to represent Logansport Sunday schools at the convention.

DALLAS, TEX.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Robert Oda Harris died at Wagoner, Okla., after a long illness, and was buried here. He leaves a large number of relatives and friends. At one time he was the master mechanic at Wiley University, at Marshall, Tex. He had a very expensive patent which he was putting together, which would have brought him thousands of dollars, but before this was completed he was called from labor to his reward. The funeral was held at old Bethel A. M. E. Church, Rev. Dr. Anderson, pastor, conducting the services....Pride of the West Company, No. 4, and Oriental Company, No. 15, Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias, of the city, take this method to thank their many friends and members of the various orders for their many courtesies in helping them with their time and means to represent this great city at the coming Grand Lodge, which is to be held at Palestine in June....Death claimed and called from labor to reward the wife of Dr. M. C. Cooper, Mrs. Jennie V. Cooper, on Villa street. Tuesday night, after a short illness. Mrs. Cooper was identified with many in club and church work and spent much of her time in looking after assistance for the poor and needy of the race. Her words of cheer, which helped to console many, will be heard no more. The funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Dr. Anderson, at Bethel A. M. E. Church, under the auspices of the New Order of the Heroines of Jericho of Masonry. Many touching resolutions were read by the several auxiliaries controlled by the ladies of the city and club workers. The floral offerings were numerous. Interment was in the family lot in Oakland Cemetery....Little Gilbert Prather celebrated his second birthday, May 8. He received several serviceable presents and entertained his playmates and guests royally at the residence of his parents on Allen street....Mrs. Clarissa Williams served for the C. M. E. Church fund, Thursday evening, at her beautiful residence on Cochran street....Mrs. Jake Ward entertained a wedding party on Monday, at her residence on the corner of Cochran and Allen streets. ....Mr. and Mrs. Dock Richardson had a house party for a few of their friends, Thursday night, which was much enjoyed by the host and hostess....A canned goods shower was given Mr. and Mrs. John Shirley, who were recently wedded....The trolley ride to Queen City, Tuesday night, was much enjoyed by all. They were the guests of Lieut. James Tolbert and wife....Mr. and Mrs. Neal White entertained in their home for Company No. 4, Monday night, on Juliett street, where a jolly time was enjoyed.... Many teachers are now taking their examinations for schools in th ecounty....The three air domes are bringing many performers to this city....J. T. Hill is trying to secure the Fair Park Auditorium for the annual thanksgiving services of the U. B. of F. and S. M. T....The Lasso Club had many out-of-town guests here, Friday evening....The Sherman orchestra played here two nights at Lincoln Park....Get this paper at Griff's Cafe weekly.

MERIDIAN, MISS.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The Colored Odd Fellows of Meridian, Miss., had their annual sermon preached at the Masonic Temple on 26th avenue, corner 13th street, on Sunday, May 9, at 3 p. m., by Rev. J. B. Branam, of El Bethel Baptist Church. The following lodges marched from their halls to the Temple. Nos. 6883, 4173, 2666 and 3056...Lodge No. 4117 and the Household of Ruth had their annual sermon preached at Union Baptist Church of the A. M.E. Church, west end, by Dr. H. H. Buckenham, of the A. M. E. Church. He preached an able sermon to a large congregation...Rev. C. L. Fisher, A. M. B. D., of Birmingham, Ala., preached an able sermon at New Hope aBptist Church to the students of the Meridian Baptist Seminary. Two ladies and one man graduate this year. Prof. G. M. Reece acted as master of ceremonies. At 3 p. m. Rev. W. D. Adams, of Columbus, Miss., preached. At 8 p. m. Rev. J. S. Brockins, of the this city, preached an able sermon to a large congregation. The school will close this week. Prof. Reece are to be commended for their noble work this year...Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Creizer's infant son, about three months old, died May 5 and was buried at the Masonic Cemetery. Rev. J. B. Branam, of El Bethel Baptist Church, conducted the services...E. H. Gaston went down the A. & V. R. R. a few days ago to see a sick relative whom he had not seen in a long time...A new church has been built, called Fagan's Chapel E. Zion Church, southwest of the city, near the fertilizing factory. Rev. G. H. Fagan is the pastor.

ST. PAUL, MINN.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Rev. W. D. Carter preached the thanksgiving sermon for Mars Lodge, No. 2202, G. U. O. of Odd Fellows, on last Sunday. Mars Lodge is one of the oldest colored lodges in the city. They have purchased six lots on Aurora avenue and Kent street and have individually subscribed about $5,000 towards the erection of a new building. The proposed building, when completed, will have a fully equipped gymnasium and bowling alley, a public auditorium and lodge rooms for the various organizations of our people. The whole, when completed, will cost $20,000.... Robert Adams attended the Charity Ball in Chicago on April 29, and reports a very pleasant trip....The Boys' Culture Club will give its third annual gymnastic and athletic exhibition at Tschida's Hall, on Tuesday evening, May 25. Mr. M. A. Bolling, who is manager of the club, is laboring diligently to help develop the moral and physical life of our boys. He is accomplishing a great deal....Mrs. Mary Walker, an old resident of St. Paul, died at the City Hospital on Saturday, May 8....The U. B. F. and S. M. T. will hold their thanksgiving service at St. James this year....David C. Cotton, who has been confined to the hospital in Brainard, Minn., arrived home the latter part of last week and died at his home Sunday night, May 9. Mr. Cotton had lived in St. Paul for a number of years, and was a prominent member of the I. P. B. O. E. of the World, and for several years was secretary of the organization....Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Charleston celebrated the fifteenth anniversary of their wedding on Friday night, May 14....Mrs. Charles Walker, of Jay street, is in St. Joseph's Hospital, as the result of an accident. Mrs. Walker, while crossing University avenue, was struck by an automobile, which threw her several feet in the air. She received several scalp wounds and one of her legs was broken.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Attorney Harvey T .Burke was host at a banquet given to members of the T. S. T. S. Society, at the West Hotel, last Monday evening. Membership in the society is confined to colored men who are college graduates, and membership is limited to twelve. Mr. Burke acted as toastmaster. Talks were made by Dr. H. L. Williams, F. L. McGee and W. F. Francis. Others present were: Dr. V. D. Turner, Ralph Grey, W. R. Morris, Richard Chapman, Edward Hall, H. V. Howard, C. H. Miller and Dr. George James. ....The annual thanksgiving service of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows and the Household of Ruth was held at St. Peter's A. M. E. Church, last Sunday afternoon, May 9, at 3 o'clock. Rev. Goul delivered the sermon....Pride of the West Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, No. 30, will give their second entertainment of the season, Friday, May 28, at Holcomb's Hall, 45 Fourth street, South. There will be a prize given to the couple that waltzes the best. Special musical program under the direction of Mrs. Ida Sellers, assisted by Mrs. McCullough. Floor manager, Judge Johnson. Music by Mrs. McCullough's orchestra. Admission, 35 cents....Invitations have been issued announcing the marriage of Miss Nina Van Holder to Mr. Odell Smith, Wednesday evening, May 19, at 8 o'clock, at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. C. B. Holder, 411 Fourth avenue, South....The Dorcas Society of the Bethesda Church met last Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Charmans, on Clinton avenue....The May ball given last week by Nellie Hale McCullough was attended by quite a number. The most popular lady elected was Miss Bertha Clay, who received the highest number of votes. Miss Ella Cunningham ranked second in the contest....The Juveniles of the S. M. T. Lodge gave a matinee dance at K. of P. Hall, last Saturday afternoon, from 2 till 7. The Juveniles of the St. Paul S. M. T. Lodge were over in full number. The young people enjoyed a very delightful afternoon.

SEKITON, O.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Cecil Neal, formerly of Sekiton, but recently of Columbus, O., has accepted a position with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company....Ralph Grubbs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Grubbs, expects to graduate from the Addyston public schools in June....Rev. S. D. Saunders has partially recovered from the effect of a very bad cold. The baptizing will take place on the fourth Sunday in this month. Sunday Rev. Saunders preached two well-prepared sermons, which were appreciated by a number of friends and members. ....The by-laws and constitution of the Ladies' Home and Foreign Missionary Society were read and discussed Tuesday evening. Also, arrangements for a literary society were planned....The "Great Battle Between Light and Darkness," illustrated with stereopticon views, by Rev. J. W. White, of Cincinnati, Friday evening, at the C. M. E. Church, was well attended....J. W. White, pastor of Cleves M. E. Church, filled the pulpit at the C. M. E. Church, Wednesday evening....Rev. G. C. Parker, in company with Rev. J. H. Brooks, attended the Ministers' Alliance in the city, Monday, at the Methodist Book Concern....Business meeting was held at the First Baptist Church, Thursday evening. The Rev. Mrs. M. J. Brannon spoke on the "Business Relations of the Church."....Rev. J. H. Brooks has announced that he will hold his rally the fourth Sunday of this month. Mr. Brooks has secured the services of Rev. W. H. Lewis and several other good ministers and speakers. The meeting will be held in the Addyston City Hall. All are invited to attend. Rev. G. C. Parker, B. D., of Ripley, O., arrived in the city Friday, and was the guest for the evening of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Payne, of 54 High street. On Sunday Mr. Parker departed for Lawrenceburg, Ind., where he preached the annual sermon at 2 o'clock to a large congregation, for the G. U. O. of O. F. Lodge, Tanners Creek, 6385. Sekiton, Whitewater Lodge No. 6926 and Rising Sun Lodge were also represented. The meeting was well attended. The Lawrenceburg Band (white) furnished the music for the occasion. The meeting was held in the First Baptist Church. Rev. Parker has a number of engagements to fill this summer....S. H. Pillow, proprietor of the Cash Store and Meat Market, will invite the public and friends to participate in the opening of his ice cream soda fountain parlor, to-morrow. ....Mrs. S. D. Saunders, of Home City, who has been ill for the past few weeks, is reported somewhat improved....Henry Fitch attended the annual sermon of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows in the city, Sunday....Ira Green and Miss Geneva Owens, of Somerset, Ky., were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mose Porter, of North Bend, over Sunday....Miss Lizzie Wakes, of High street, entertained Sunday afternoon at a 3 o'clock dinner, Misses Mary Clark, Essie Reynolds and Josephine Smith, of Cincinnati. Several piano selections were played by Mr. Geo. Johnson and Miss Josephine Smith....William Evans, of Hopkinsville, who has been suffering from an attack of lumbago, is some better....Chas. Banks has been acting as superintendent of the First Baptist Church Sunday school. Jesse Clayton, superintendent, and Miss Maud Lucas, secretary, have been doing a wonderful work to bring the children to realize the importance of constant attendance....Rev. S. E. Quinn, of 440 Hopkins street, Cincinnati, and J. W. Gaines were business visitors in the village Monday....Mrs. Martha Hawkins, of High street, has been suffering from a severe cold and tonsilitis, but is better at this writing....Rev. G. C. Parker occupied the pulpit Monday night at the C. M. E. Church, taking for his text Isaiah ix:6, "And his name shall be called wonderful."...About ten members of Whitewater Lodge, No. 6926, G. U. O. of O. F., attended the annual sermon of Tanners Creek Lodge, of Lawrenceburg, Ind., Sunday. Mr. Van Higgins, Secretary John Magget, Jesse Clayton, Clinton Gaines, James Payne, K. D. Thompson, Mose Bartley, Chas. Rucker and Marshall Ladson were the visiting members. W. H. Brannon made an excellent address, which was well received by his hearers....Mrs. James Mitchell has announced that she will entertain, to-morrow afternoon, a number of guests at her home in Hopkinsville, at dinner....Robert Porter, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Mose Porter, has been quite ill, but at the present writing is some better.

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THE POLICEMAN'S LOT IS NOT A HAPPY ONE.

Policeman "Jack" Watts, who so brutally beat up a drunken woman and so unwarrantedly interfered with the personal liberty of Robert Pelham, the Census Office clerk in Washington, recently, was before the District of Columbia Police Trial Board on Monday last, to answer charges made against him by Captain Doyle, his superior precinct officer. The charges grew out of his not reporting "the incidentals" surrounding the arrest of the woman, no record of the scalp wound he gave her or her trip in the patrol wagon to the hospital being of record in the station when Major and Superintendent Sylvester began his investigation of the affair Sunday evening, April 3, at the instance of Mr. Pelham's friends.

Watts is also being court-martialed on charges brought by headquarters officers for his interference with Mr. Pelham, the latter case being continued until Saturday, May 8, at 10 a. m., having already covered a period of six hours, investigation.

Prof. W. H. H. Hart, of Howard University, being interested in the cause, volunteered, and is looking after Mr. Pelham's interest before the Trial Board.

SPEAKS FOR Y. M. C. A.

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treme, and it was several minutes before order could be restored.

Dr. Washington never made a better speech on any occasion in his long experience in public life. The serious phase of his address dealt with the heavy responsibility that rests upon the good people of this community to save the vicious, that they themselves may not be pulled down. The eyes of the entire country are upon the 100,000 Negroes in the District of Columbia, asserted the speaker. The Nation looks to the happily environed, intelligent, well-paid and dignified colored people of the capital for inspiration, example and instruction. He thought the burden of saving the young men of to-day in the cities, and the problem of building a foundation for the betterment of future generations, would best be solved by such organizations as the Y. M. C. A., devoting themselves to Christian teachings. In connection with the spiritual force drawn fro mthe Bible, Dr. Washington said that the material impulses of life would be rightly directed. The desire to lead a pure, sober and useful life would come; the importance of having a bank account, the respect that the possession of property inspired, the value of making the most of one's time and opportunities would be natural outgrowths of the fellowship and active participation in the work of the Y. M. C. A., if it would meet the expectations of those who are earnestly striving to make it what it should be. The speaker dwelt upon the evil of extravagance, of living beyond one's means for the sake of superficial show, and warned the young men of the degradation that is certain to follow indulgence in strong drink—the destruction it would bring to the mind, the body and the soul. He expressed the pride he felt in being a member of a race that could in but a bare forty years of freedom gather together such a brilliant audience of men, that could prove itself capable of supporting its own religious institutions, take its place in the world of business, and in all respects live up to the highest ideals of the civilization amid which it abides.

Dr. Washington kept the house in an uproar by his timely witticisms and apt stories. The illustrations were so applicable that the point was often anticipated and laughed at by hi sappreciative and sympathetic hearers before the story could be fully told. Never was a body of men in such a happy humor. The speech was voted "a great one," and the cause of the Washington Y. M. C. A. has been pushed along beyond measure. The Doctor's plain-spoken plea for subscriptions was met with in generous spirit, and when collections were called for the display of check-books, "green money" and other currency was a pleasing sight to behold. Everybody seemed willing and anxious to help on the good work.

According to statements made by the management, the collections to date amount to about $14,000, leaving $18,000 of the $32,000 of subscriptions yet unpaid. The hope is given out that the $10,000 needed to secure the remaining $10,000 of the money donated by Mr. Rockefeller will soon be forthcoming from the reliable subscribers who have simply delayed payment.

During the "Wizard's" speech attention was called to H. W. Chase, an ex-slave and hard-working mechanic to-day, who contributed $500 to the movement, and who promises another $500 when the membership shall have reached 1,000.

"The colored people of the District of Columbia employed here in the government service alone earn on an average $5,000,000 per annum. The Negro teachers of Washington earn at least $450,000 a year. Surely these, together with all the rest, will have sufficient generosity to contribute the money necessary to erect and equip this Y. M. C. A. building. I believe they will do it."

After another selection by the Amphion Glee Club, Rev. Sterling N. Brown pronounced the benediction, and the greatest meeting ever held by the Negro people of the Nation's capital came to an end, amid general rejoicing because of the manifold blessings of the day.

The crowd on the platform remained to shake hands with Dr. Washington and to thank him for the helpful things he had said. Congratulations were heaped upon the speaker and the managers. Following adjournment, the Doctor was the guest of Dr. John R. Francis for an automobile spin around the city.

Dr. Washington left on the evening train for Tuskegee, where he will make arrangements for the approaching commencement of the school.

THE STAGE
HAYWOOD

Prof. A. M. Damon, the black Paganini, sends regards to the profession.

One hundred and fifty theatrical agencies are asking to be allowed to run at New York.

Epps and Lauretta are filling a second week's engagement at the Majestic Theater, at Cincinnati, O.

Brown and Hodges will fill a two weeks' engagement at the Star and Carter Theater, Chicago, beginning Monday.

George A. Williams, of the 101 Ranch Wild West Show, sends regards to P. G., Jeff, Fred Simpson and Q. Clark.

Winona Crigler and Rosa Payne, of the 101 Ranch Wild West Show, were callers at The Freeman office last Saturday.

Gus Goins, the entertainer, is spending some time at his home at Mt. Vernon, O., previous to his opening in vaudeville with a new act.

Emma Goodall Owens is writing a song, "I Can't Bear to Leave Thee and I Won't," which will be given to the public in a short while.

Rastus and Banks, who have acquired much success with their singing and dancing act, here and abroad, have closed their partnership.

It has been reported that Eph Thompson, the elephant trainer, died recently at Alexandria, Egypt. Interment at Paris, France, May 6.

Prince and Jackson will appear in a vaudeville sketch at the Foraker Theater, Xenia, O., called "Mr. Zephiham Johnson Brown, My Friend from Africa."

The Foraker Theater at Xenia, O., opened Saturday, May 8, to a small audience, on account of rain. Edwards and Oglesby are the proprietors. The theater is located at Columbus and Market streets.

Billie Butler, the well-known trap drummer, is now located at the new Star Theater, Pittsburg, Pa. Best regards to S. T. Dunmore's bunch, P. G. Lowery's bunch, A. G. Truley, Fred Simpson and all friends in and out of the profession.

Elvis Slim Mason, high-class singing comedian, closed a successful season with P. G. Lowery and Morgan's Mighty Minstrels, and is now visiting his mother in Louisville. The team of E. Mason and James H. Berry will be seen soon. Regards to all friends.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Wallburg, formerly of the Coontown 400, are now playing at one of the leading vaudeville houses of Jacksonville, Fla. Mrs. Raymond Wallburg is starring the show and taking four and five encores nightly, singing "Baby Doll and Lovin' Rag."

Vida S. Devine, after playing several of the houses in Chicago and making quite a success, has opened at the Monogram, this being her fifth engagement at this house, making quite a success with her stop-time dancing and coon song shouting, singing this week "Black Salome," "Right Now" and "It Looks to Me Like a Big Night To-night." Would like to hear from all friends in and out of the profession.

Mrs. Susie Wiley, whose husband died recently in Indianapolis, will probably join the 101 Ranch Wild West Show in a few days as snake charmer. Mrs. Wiley has handled snakes with other shows, and is considered a top-notcher at the business. She is billed always as a Hindoo enchantress. She is a good looking mulatto woman, and could easily look the part. If she "joins" out we wish her every possible success.

The Whitney Stock Company played three weeks in Norfolk to crowded houses. They are now playing a two weeks' run at the Lyric Theater, Newport News. It is a delightful theater, managed by Nat and Lillian Lewis, proprietors of the We-Us colored hotel. They opened Thursday night, May 6, to more than 900 people, who shouted their approval from rise to fall of curtain. The company will go from there to White City Park, Pine Beach, Va., running musical stock until July 29. The company will be greatly augmented and form the Southern Smart Set Company, playing the South, West and Cuba. S. Tutt Whitney heads the production, assisted by Homer Tutt, under the management of Barton and Wisswell, directed by John J. Nolan.

THESPIANS CLUB AT CHICAGO.

The Thespian Club, a home and lounging place for the colored profession, will soon swing open its doors in Chicago, thus filling a long-felt want. The club will be located at 2260 State street, occupying two floors, elegantly furnished at a cost of $3,000. John B. Rogers, president; Thomas McCain, secretary.

A. W. Scott, of Chicago, the Thirty-ninth street artist, sends his regards to Tim Owsley and clever Billy Young.

THE AIR DOME AT JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

J. H. Williams, the famous comedian, formerly with A. G. Allen's Minstrels, is now in vaudeville as stage manager for Joel & Glickstine, and opened one of the best shows ever seen in Southland with s. r. o. He has such good people as Scott and Crosby, of Chicago; Dewey and wife, of Washington; McDaniels, of Boston, and others. Williams sends regards to Allen's bunch. John Goodloe, write.

MAJESTIC THEATER AT VICKSBURG, MISS.

The Majestic Theater opened its doors last week with the Merry Widow Company in a two-act drama and a splendid olio. Jack Akers and Miss Agey Tansel are cleaning up with the Filipino dance, also their double acrobatic buck and wing dancing, and little Jack Jackson is all the rage with his knowledge of the white and black keys. The company consists of the following members: Elsie Jennings, stage manager; Leroy White, Agey Tansel, Jack Akers, Marie Jackson, Moore, Sherrie and Blanche Arlington. They send best regards to all the profession.

TERRY'S W. T. C CO.

We have with us this season Bonnie Clark, the only colored female impersonator doing the Salome dance on the American stage. He is getting encores nightly. Mr. Clark is singing "Strong for You," and is one of the best impersonators in the business, this being his second season with the Terry show. J. W. Perkins and Nettie Barnet are singing "Down in Jungle Town," with hands nightly. This is Mr. Perkins's seventh season with Terry's He is playing the monkey in "Jungle Town." The Browns, James and Mayme, of Indianapolis, are also with the company. They are using "Down Among the Sugar Cane" and "Kinky." Regards to all in the profession. W. G. Dickey, F. E. Terry, managers.

GOODALL BOYS' FUN MAKERS.

The Goodall Boys' Fun Makers gave a minstrel and cake walk at Tomlinson Hall for the Indianapolis Lodge No. 17, L. O. O. M. (white), this city, last month. The affair, which was a decided success financially, and also from an artistic standpoint, was under the personal supervision of Mrs. Emma Goodall Owens, who drilled the choruses and arranged the stage settings. The end men were Grant Watkins, Wesley Thurman, Lee Clemens and Luther Thompson. George Wolfson was interlocutor. Among the songs rendered were "The Old Time Rag," "No, No, Postively No," "I Want You" and "Kinky." William Goodall sung and featured in "My Old Kentucky Home." The prize cake walker was John Goodall, in the old-man character. This company is meeting with much success throughout the State as entertainers. They will furnish the program for another prominent white organization of this city next month.

KENNER & LEWIS AMUSEMENT COMPANY.

Kenner and Lewis' Amusement Company are giving a clean show at the Dixie Park Auditorium at New Orleans, La. The members of the company are as follows: Lew Kenner, Ray Myles, John E. Lewis, D. Solomon, E. Gray, Sweetie Matthewes, A. Pellebon, M. Kernion, T. Jones, L. Chaney, S. George, L. Galvin, J. Johnson, E. Thomas and D. Abie. The specialties given are: Prof. Moncrief's moving pictures; Tillie Johnson, the dainty little soubrette; Pellebon and Kernion, the Southern Nightingales; Sweetie Matthews, the people's favorite soubrette; Kenner and Lewis, exponents or refined comedy; Midnight Bells Quartet—Murry, Gray, Myles and Solomon.

LINCOLN PARK, NEW ORLEANS.

Allen's Troubadours, in a comedy farce entitled "Buncoed in Louisiana," appeared at Lincoln Park Sunday night. The cast of characters is as follows:

Jimmie Snodgrass, Master of Ceremonies, Ed Steward; Kentucky Dinah, belle of Slidel, Mme. Lazell Price. Speakers of the day: Brewery Sam, James Brown; Miss Red Bean Phylis, Daisy Reynolds; Boll Weeyil Jenkins, Joe Plummer. Select singers of the day: Water Wagon Willie, "When a Pal of Mine Steals a Gal of Mine," Richard Carr; Winnie Wish Sue, "Love Me All the Time," Little Cora; Brewery Sam, "My Ebony Maid," James Brown; Hollow Head Zeke, "Dinah Dear," G. W. Allen. Mrs. Jasper Duck Pond (a fish frier), Stella Carr.

The following specialties were also given: Daisy Reynolds, in "Move On, Mister Moon;" Plummer and Steward, in a big dancing act; Mme. Lazell Price, in "Love Me Like I Like to Be Loved;" Ed Steward, in "Baboon Bungalow." Hollow Head Zeke, on his arrival from Horseshoe Bend, Tenn., gets buncoed, but gets even at the lawn party. To-morrow "Mrs. Jhonson's Request" will be presented. William Peyton, manager; H. Cailloux, secretary and treasurer.

ALLEN'S MINSTRELS.

We are still in Arkansas, and business continues to be the very best, and the show never fails to please each audience.

William (Tuba) Thomas was handsomely entertained by Virgil Samson and Kid Morgan at the Four Hundred Club in Little Rock, Ark., on May 4, while we were showing there.

Ellwood Johnson, our orchestra leader, sends regards to all friends in and out of the profession, and says hello (wide) Henderson.

Pease Moppin, hoop controller, sends regards to P. G. Lowery and the bunch with Wallace and Hagenbeck.

Jimmie Wise has added three new faces to his act, thus making five people in place of two. This act never fails to make a hit.

B. F. Stevens, our trap drummer, has just ordered a complete set of traps direct from Connecticut.

Frank King is singing "You're in the Right Church but the Wrong Pew," in connection with his dancing turn, with much success.

J. B. Norton, our stage manager, sends regards to Charles McKenzie and Paul Carter. Both write.

W. A. Dotson, the popular tenor vocalist, sends regards to Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Henderson.

Charles E. Rue wishes to hear from Charles Beechum.

The whole company sends regards to Joe Miller, "the little man with the big horn;" also to Hamilton and Trice and Cox and Cox.

THE DANDY DIXIE MINSTRELS.

For three long years or more the big fashion-plate minstrels who traveled from coast to coast in their private palace sleeper "Dixie" carried with them some of America's best talent, and gained reputation for many beginners. Recently, owing to unavoidable circumstances, the management canceled nearly sixty-five Canadian dates, and the show closed the season at Spartanburg, S. C., with the intention of reorganizing again about August 20. If successful, many new faces will accompany the Dixies on their southern tour, as the old faces decline to take the second bite. Sad to say, but they were all stung by the man who always left them smiling when he said good-bye; although, as a rule, we may expect some of the cottonhead ones to return to the only show in the world and get bilked again.

I have a friend who is trying to put a show on the road—"The Smart Set" or "Southern Enchantment," to open on or about September 15. Watch out, cottonheads;, board and lodging on the car will cost you $6 per week if you stay there, but that isn't much for a chance to tour the country; just look at the fun you have—get to hear the band play twice a day without extra charge, and lots of outdoor exercise in those long parades, and have the same bill of fare every day. For breakfast they have warm roast beef; for dinner sliced cold roast beef, and for supper tough roast beef; 10 cents extra charge for the third meal.

You're not a thoroughbred trouper until you make a season with the Dandy Dixie Minstrels. Yours very truly,

ARTHA L. PRINCE.

THE GLOBE THEATER, RICHMOND, VA.

This ideal amusement palace is a real exclusively colored vaudeville theater, with a seating capacity of 1,400, located at 1007-9-11 North First street, and is the most promising one of its kind in this vicinity. The roster is headed by the well-known funmaker, "Chicken" (Charles) Jones, whose entertaining ability need not be commented upon. The program is changed nightly, each performance being augmented by the advent of life motion pictures, which are also changed nightly.

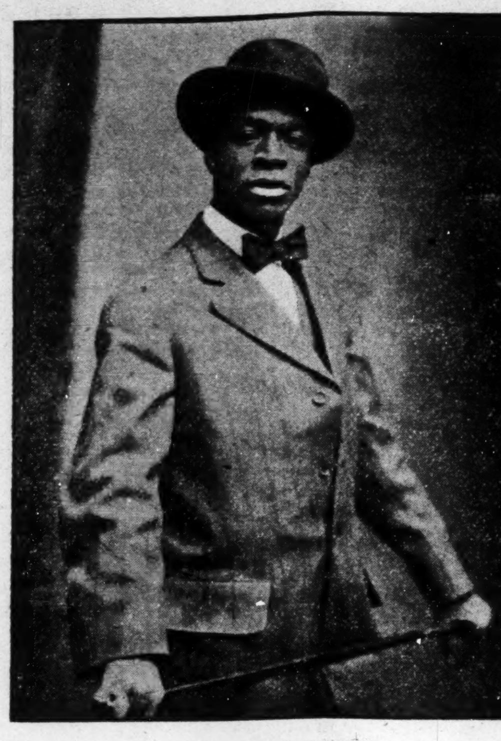
"Chick" has an able corps of assistants, Walter Manigault aiding with the comedy, while Misses Maggie Harvey, Lucille Lee and Lelia White are taking encores at every performance. The Dixie Ranger Quartet, for three seasons with the Dandy Dixie Minstrels—Messrs. H. S. Wooten, J. J. Weaver, Tom M. Seldom, ex-interlocutor, and the phenomenal bass, James H. Woodson—are here, and are "headliners." All send regards to friends, and Chick wants to hear from his "bud-a-gee," Manzie Campbell, and other friends.

The management is well pleased, and claims that if 1,900 persons continue to face the performers who nightly appear on the stage of the Globe Theater, as has been the case since the arrival of "Chicken" and the Rangers, they will wear the smile that won't come off. Curtis Jordan, Richmond's foremost pianist, has charge of the vocalists, and credit is due him for his laborious efforts to make the vocal end as successful as that of the instrumental. To-morrow mechanics begin work of improvement, which means remodeling from dressing room to front entrance. It is rumored that we are soon to have a full orchestra; if so, Prof. Nelson Harris is ordained for that responsibility.

TWO COLORED CONCERT COMPANIES MAKE GOOD.

Indianapolis has had almost a surfeit of big circuses this spring. On April 29 the Wallace-Hagenbeck aggregation was with us, presenting P. G. Lowery and his famous band and orchestra as a feature attraction in the annex. On Saturday, May 8, came the Miller Brotres' 101 Ranch, one of the largest and best Wild West shows seen in Indianapolis. This was followed twenty-four hours later by the Barnum & Bailey circus, with Quallie Clark and his famous comedians, singers and dancers as the "big noise" in the side show.

With the 101 Ranch Wild West it was the pleasure of the Indianapolis public to see for the first time V. P. Holden's Dixie Land Minstrels and concert band. Mr. Holden is a new recruit to this line of the profession, this being his first season out with a circus. His past work has been in connection with parks and music hall productions. He seems to have broken in the game with flying colors. One would never think from the bunch he has gotten together a[illegible]he show they give that this was his [illegible] effort in this line of the business as a [illegible]nager. Mrs. M. L. Simmons, a handsome woman with a big lyric voice, is the feature number on the program. D. A. Frazier has a sweet tenor voice, and delights his audiences singing a very beautiful sentimental song called "You'll Be Sorry Just Too Late." This is the first time a song of this character has ever been attempted in a show of this kind, where everything is necessarily on the bally-hoo order. The trial certainly deserves to be copied by other companies, taking the success of Mr. Frazier as a basis of action. The entire concert was snappy and full of ginger. Everybody worked. The roster of the concert people is: James ("Frosty") Moore, D. A. Frazier and James Upsone, comedians, and Miss Crigler and Rosa Payne, soubrettes. The band consists of Dan Green, director; George A. Williams, leader of orchestra, who also arranges most of the music used; James Tate, first cornet; James Moore, alto; George Dyre, baritone; Dick May, trombine; A. Jones, tuba, and Wesly Nettles, trap drums. Two big song hits were "Any Old Way You Cook Chicken, It's Good to Me," by "Frosty" Moore, and "Shine On, Harvest Moon," by Miss Rosa Payne, of whom, by the way, THE FREEMAN will have something especial to say in the near future. We predict for Mr. Holden a bright and successful season. He is a capable man, and deserves credit for the show he has gotten together.



CHARLES BEECHUM

By CHARLES D. MARSHALL.

All de world's a stage, and life's a show;
Dere's villains and heroes, and joy and woe;
Dere's a Hogan here, and Dudley dere;
Bad actors and supes are everywhere.
A front, a bluff, a little paint,
An' de world will think year what year aint.
I've doped it out from A to Z;
Take it from me, kid—take it from me.

Speaking of young comedians of the present day, I know of no comedian that has impressed the public so well with his general ability as an actor as has Charles Beechum, of the sketch team of that name now starring with P. G. Lowery's show as an added feature of the Hagenbeck-Wallace shows. Last winter he was the hit of the Lowery-Morgan Minstrels, and for two or three seasons before a record-breaker for Mahara's Minstrels.

Ever since those happy days spent at a little Catholic school right here in Indianapolis he has been a success. Why, I can remember when he made his first hit as a scholar with the schoolmates, and he had every reason to be one with his school teachers, for Beechum was always the lad to learn the most progressive methods to solve a problem, and after he left the little old brown frame schoolhouse he seemed to have ever improved on the most progressive methods of solving the problem of being far ahead of others in the profession by the way of originality.

I can say that he was a natural entertainer as a singer, because he gave us—the chums of his youth—that information long, long ago, when the dignitaries of the church which he attended saw to it that his name always appeared upon every concert program. But if it did not, the entertainment was incomplete. As for his dancing, the newsboys and bootblacks, who often gave buck and wing dancing exhibitions on the street corners, hied away whenever they saw "Beech" approach.

When I last saw him working, I remember that I sat myself down among a very large number of keen-sighted connoisseurs, and it was not long before I noticed that he easily won their approval. He did soby offering everything in song and story that was undoubtedly new, novel and original. Just because many expect most Negro performers to shout in old minstrel style and do contortion acts with their lips, he did not think that he should resort to such folly, but rather to gain the plaudits of the theatrical world by presenting an act of up-to-date genuine merit, as only a true artist can. One thing that Mr. Beechum has wisely learned is his smooth way of rendering a song. He sings a song with as much diction in pronouncing of words and adding as much melody to it as possible, believing that the idea of shouting it roughly is annoying and unappreciated. He also knows that the people grow tired of the same old thing over and over again, so when summer vacation days come—though seldom they do—he prepares himself with newer ideas—stocks up his "repertoire" with witty jokes and catchy music purely his own. Mr. Beechum seems very talented in the line of writing sketches that take, especially if they are written with the very admirable assistance of a beloved wife in Mrs. Blanche Beechum.. He tells me that she is just a jewel when it comes to good advice, and I might add that her work upon the stage is within the ranks of top-notchers among soubrettes. She is charming on and off the stage, and her work is so effective while doing her act that it prohibits Charles from working himself down. We see so many women these days working with some good comedian, or you might say coupled up with some artist, who can not sing, dance, talk or do anything, and we wonder why they have the nerve to travel. Not so with Mrs. Beechum, for she is an actress of the first water, likened unto May Irwin in jollity, and as nimble as Mrs. Walker when dancing.

"I have always thought," says Mr. Beechum, "that the success of any actor is in his ability and effort to produce what the people have not seen nor heard, and what will please them when the see and hear it. I have always tried my very best to give the public the proper goods, and so far I believe I have done so, for as a reward I have been busy making a good salary ever since I entered the profession. I always like to please the public to the extent that they will always be glad to receive me. I like to laugh and at the same time make others laugh. I enjoy a hearty laugh, because it keeps you from making a doctor's bill, many times. It's a good tonic for all. But in order to make an audience laugh I think the performer should cut the old gags; ring off on the old gigs, and throw away the old songs to the winds.

"Since being connected with the Lowery-Morgan company, I can say that my wife and I have been extended every courtesy necessary. Our acquaintances have been pleasant and success surprising, thanks to Mr. Lowery."

PITTSBURG SHOW SHOP.

By JASSIMINE.

Things are still going along just lovely, the weather continues to be of the best, and large crowds are seen on the Avenue nightly.

Brilliant, indeed, was the grand opening of the Star, the new playhouse on the Avenue. It is without doubt one of the prettiest houses in the city. Its employes are mixed colored and white in the front part of the house, but the stage hands and the orchestra are colored, and it bids fair to become the most popular house on the Avenue.

One of the best singing and dancing acts that has ever been seen in this city was witnessed at the Family Theter, Fifth avenue, last week. It is called "The Seven Africanders," and is composed of the following members: Arthur Reese, Ollie Reese, Charles Burton, Billy Watts, Mrs. A. Reese, Elizabeth Harton and Miss Cecil Reese. The bulk of the work falls upon Ollie Reese and Billy Watts, and their work can not be improved upon. Mrs. A. Reese rendered "Suwanee River," assisted by the entire company, in splendid style, and Charles Burton's rendition of "Down Among the Sugar Cane," assisted by the chorus, was all that one could wish for. It is indeed a very good act.

The original Billy Johnson and his "Dusky Valentines" was the hit of an exceptionally good bill at the Liberty Theater, in the East End, last week.

Foster O. White, thewell- known pianist and composer, is now director of the orchestra at the new Star Theater, on Wylie avenue, near Fulton street.

G. Harry Bolden, the pleasing vocalist, has been secured to sing the principal role in the comic opera, "Uganda," which is to be presented at the Bijou Theater the second week in June.

C. Walter Striplin, the popular composer and conductor of the Uganda Choral Society, has been secured to fill the position of director of the First Brigade K. of P. Band of this city. In Mr. Striplin the band has secured the services of the best Negro musician in the city, and under his direction should become capable of holding its own with any band in the country.

All of the big vaudeville houses offer very good bills, and are having large crowds nightly.

THE LYCEUM.—This house offers a very good bill this week, headed by the Saybell Sisters, song and dance artists, who were well received. They presented a very neat singing and talking act. Then came the Imperiol Trio, in a comedy singing and musical act that was fair. The great Rossina handcuff king and moving pictures closed the bill.

THE FULTON.—This house offers an excellent bill this week, headed by the Hillmans, in a singing, talking and dancing act that was above the average. They are both good singers and dancers, and they were forced to respond to numerous encores. Then came Bob Johnson, monologue artist, who was also well received. This was followed by the Bradfords, who proved to be the hit of the bill. They presented one of the neatest singing, talking and dancing acts that has ever been seen on the Avenue. R. G. Baker, in illustrated songs, and moving pictures closed one of the best bills seen at the Fulton for a long time.

THE STAR.—This house opened with one of the best bills ever witnessed on the Avenue. The headliner proved to be Eddie McClelland, a very slever white performer, in imitations of Bert Williams, Ernest Hogan and others that were well received, and he was heartily applauded. Next on the bill was the marvelous George F. Wilson, who presented a very good acrobatic act and was forced to respond to numerous encores. The Nashes offered a very good singing and talking act. Then came Harry Brooks, monolgist and imitator, who was fair. Eva Harry, a clever white soubrette, Sam Shelton, a fair singer, and moving pictures closed a very good bill.

WILLIAMS' FAMOUS TROUBADOURS.

After a successful tour of that "land of flowers and sunshine" (Florida), during which we enjoyed ourselves to the limit hunting, fishing, etc. (during our leisure moments), we are again in the Cracker State (Georgia). We showed in Atlanta May 7 and 8 to a land office business, and had the pleasure of renewing acquaintance with a host of friends, professional and otherwise. Dick Stewart, our genial and popular comedian and stage manager, is cleaning up nightly and adding numerous admirers to his list. Our olio is well taken care of by such people as Mrs. Emma Foster, our winsome soubrette; Miss Jeuune Hale, our serpentine dancer, and the following comedians: "Skeeter" Butler, Babe Steele and Tom Brawner. The silent acts include Miss Jennie Jones, baton juggler; Julius C. Watson, acrobat, and Eddie Day, novelty contortionist. The oli is closed by our genial proprietor and manager Prof. Eph Williams, with his wonderful pony act, which is the strongest act of the kind now before the public. Prof. Dick Collins is in charge of the band, and is making a reputation for himself and band by delivering a choice program of the latest popular music daily in band concert. Clarence P. Jones is musical director for the show, and has a fine orchestra under his baton. Ulysses Simmons, our straight man, and Harry Brown, our aged darkey delineator, are two men in the right place, while Rachel Jones has created a new "Dinah" in our plantation scene, and is mopping up in her dance specialty. All the company send their regards to friends in and out of the profession.

DEHOMEY! DEHOMEY!

By JULI JONES.

The famous old stroll had two or three days. There was some strutting, but that weather man cut loose again, and he and his wife have been called everything. The ladies say that Mrs. Bad Weather was not able to get a spring outfit. The boys say that Mr. Bad Weather did not receive his regular free tickets to the theaters and baseball parks. Well, Dehomey society will cut Mr. and Mrs. Weather in the future.

At last Miller, Lyle and Miller have dug up a real live manager to carry out their show this season, with forty people, including female band and orchestra. They will tour the South. These young men are clever writers and actors, and have put such winners over as "The Husband," "The Oyster Man" and "The Mayor Dixie." The new show will be known as "The Aristocracy."

With all the bad weather, Dehomey has been one busy stroll. The expected didn't happen, but will later. Just wait; it's not too late.

"Yours Truly" Miss Lottie Grady has at last taken a vacation, and has gone to Hot Springs, Ark., for her annual rest. Miss Grady is about the only colored actress that goes to the Springs for her health. We wonder if her white sisters take notice of it.

"The Red Moon" hit Broadway, New York, heavy. That's nothing strange. A good show will "go" anywhere. "The Red Moon" is one good show. "The goods is the goods," no matter where, Broadway, New York, or Baton Rouge, La.

Aida Overton Walker defied New York weather and gave her yearly benefit for the St. Philips Church Guild. The Chicago weather man is crazy to meet her, as he has never met a defeat. When he says "nothing doing," he generally rules.

Miss Carita Day, formerly Ernest Hogan's leading lady, who is going through the country putting all the pick acts out of the business, spent a week with her people here, and left for the coast with thirty-two contracts. I suppose that's a fair start for a girl.

Jolly John Larkins and Miss Jennie Pearl, who closed the season with "Way Down in Mobile," will play Morris time until Mr. Larkins takes charge of the Black Patti Troubadours next season.

Little Miss Willie Ingals is going on the stage. Miss Grace Daniels, the treasurer of the Monogram, will retire after some legal matters with Lacol Bishop are straightened out.

The five and ten-cent houses along the stroll are still battling it out. The Lincoln is now called the Minute House. Acts work one minute and are fired the next. Forty-one acts in one week. It's a question if Cooper and Robinson could stick it out a week at this house.

The Royal, under the management of the Duncan Clark Ausement Company, is still in Dehomey. Nothing like gameness.

The Grand. Same old business. Had to build steel works to hold them out all the same. Robison and McCarver are some card. Hear me!

The Byrons are certainly making their little house a temple of music. How can they offer such a card in vocal and instrumental? Miss Lizzie Hart and George Hall will make good anywhere, in or out of Dehomey.

The Monogram is still stacking them in. BBut what bills! Compare the size of the house with the downtown house, one will find out that the Monogram puts on double the bill.

The Pekin turned over its house and a part of its crew for the benefit of the Douglass Center Atheletic Association. One of the most calssic vaudeville bills was presented that was eevr given in this section of the city. The prices way above the "look." A fine audience. The acts were well balanced. It is not fair to comment on volunteer services, so we will omit it. But some strange things really did happen. The hit that Joe Simms made would make some of the wise heads sit up and take notice. Mr. Simms was once booked to play this same house, but cancelled before opening. That was during the vaudeville days. Well, Joe got in after all, and what he did was a pletny. The other act on the bill were big hits. Miss Marie Burton, "The Original Rags;" a white banjo monologue from the American Music Hall; Ringgold and Johnson, and a short sketch by J. Ed. Green and company, written by Marion A. Brooks was very cleverly done. There's no use dwelling any length of time on this affair, as there never has been given in this house in the way of a benefit that wasn't of the highest order. But where does the Pekin come? These great turnouts all come when something special is on the bill, and very seldom show up to the regular weekday shows. It's very unfair treatment to the management when he turns his house over to his patrons and lends them every helping hand, to make their affairs a success, only to see a small portion of them again until they want the house. It looks like one-sided popularity.

LELANDS COMING TO "INDY."

President F. C. Leland, of the famous Leland Giants, of the "Windy City," says that the Giants will be in Indianapolis the last week of this month.

UNION AND GIANTS TO PLAY TOMORROW AFTERNOON

First Game of Season Between These Two Teams—Both Confident of Victory—Music for Fans.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 11.—The Louisville Unions and the Louisville Giants will play a game of baseball Sunday afternoon, at the Spring Bank Park, Thirty-seventh street and Greenwood avenue.

These two teams will play for the first time of the season, and a large crowd is expected to be present. Manager Ed Lancaster has had his men down at hard practice, and the Unions have been at hard work for the past two weeks. Manager Butler, of the Unions, claims that his men are the better of the two teams, while Manager Lancaster says that his men can not be beaten.

A band of music has been employed to entertain the fans before the game is called. Every fan in the city is talking about the game, and from all reports it will be one of the largest crowds ever seen on a local ball field.

LOUISVILLE CUBS DEFEATS TWO FAST TEAMS

Indianapolis White Sox and Birmingham (Ala.) Giants Victims—Cubs Are Playing Fast Ball.

By JESSE PALMER.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—A crowd of 400 fans witnessed the defeat of the Indianapolis White Sox, Saturday, May 8. They were unable to hit Pitcher Martin, who played a fine game of ball. The Cubs took kindly to Hollingsworth's curves, who had the game well in hand in the fourth inning, when Richenbaugh relieved him. The Cubs played superb ball, their defense being perfect. Stung by defeat from the Sox in April, the Cubs went after them with a vengeance and got it good and plenty. Following is the score:

R.H.E.
White Sox....0 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—2 6 5
L. Cubs.......3 1 1 3 0 0 1 0 0—9 13 2

Batteries—Hollingsworth, Richenbaugh and Duggan; Martin, West and Mitchell. Hits—Off Hollingsworth, 9; off Richenbaugh, 4; off Martin, 5; off West, 1. Two-base hits—Martin, West. Three-base hit—West. Home run—Frank. Struck out—By Martin, 7; by Hollingsworth, 1; by Richenbaugh,). Double play—Booker to Wallace to Collins. Bases on balls—Off Hollingsworth, 2. Errors—Cubs, 2; White Sox, 5. Time of game—2:05. Umpire—Nutter.

The Cubs defeated the strong Birmingham Giants in the best played game of the season. The local boys demonstrated that they are the best players in the South. The battery work of West and Mitchell was the feature of the game. The visitors found West for but three hits, while the "Little Bears" thumped Taylor, opposing pitcher, for seven hits. Following is the score:

R.H.E.
B. Giants......1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—1 3 1
L. Cubs........0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 2—2 7 3

Batteries—Taylor and Oliver; West and Mitchell. Hits—Birmingham, 3; Cubs, 7. Two-base hits—Watson, Martin. Three-base hit—Mitchell. Struck out—By Taylor, 4; by West, 2. Double plays—Mitchell to Wallace to Collins; Parry to Bingham. Errors—Birmingham, 1; Cubs, 3. Time of game—1:50. Umpire—Nutter. Attendance—600.

LOUISVILLE NOTES.

The Cubs have started the season off in first-class style. They have lost but one game so far. The boys are doing some good stick work.

With Watson, Booker and Wallace working in good form, and Briscoe and Roberson playing like National Leaguers, the prospects look exceptionally bright.

Little Mitchell, the Cubs' star catcher, has a fine record this season—and the beauty of it is, he wears the same size hat, just the same. Keep tagging them, old boy.

Martin and West are both making good with the willow.

Collins is playing fine ball.

The Birmingham Giants will play the Cubs Sunday.

KANSAS CITY (MO.) DIAMOND DUST.

The Giants have gone to St. Louis to meet the Tigers.

The Monarchs have gone to Buxton, Ia.

The Giants, under Jack Johnson's management, formerly of the Chicago Unions, are building up an enviable record. Since Easter Sunday they have played thirteen games against the fastest teams hereabouts, and have yet to meet their first defeat.

The Monarchs opened their season late, and have met their only defeat at the hands of the Giants, but they are expected to hold their own during the rest of the season.

MARIANNA VS. TALLAHASSEE.

Giants and State Normal Boys to Play Next Thursday Afternoon.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

MARIANNA, Fla.—The Marianna Giants opened the season by defeating Bonifay (Fla.) by a score of 19 to 0. The Giants desire games with any team in the South. They will play the Tallahassee State Normal here next Thursday afternoon.

ROUTE.

BLACK PATTI TROUBADOURS—Colfax, Wash., May 18; Spokane, 19; Wallace, Idaho, 20; Missoula, Mont., 21; Anaconda, 22.

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BIDDING COMMISSIONER SCOTT "GOOD-BYE."

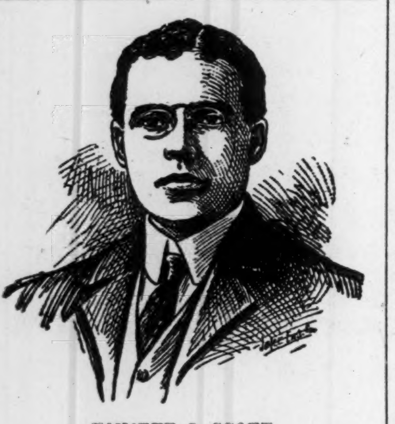
Correspondent Thompson Does the Honors for His Pehsonal Friend and the Race's Representative to the "Fatherland" —Plans of the Liberian Commission.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Just before Emmett J. Scott left for New York preparatory to sailing for Liberia, he was tendered a farewell dinner by R. W. Thompson at his cozy home, 1348 Wallach Place Northwest. The two have long been personal friends.

As Mr. Scott was to go to Liberia at the personal solicitation of President Taft as a member of the special commission provided by Congress to investigate the social, political and industrial status of the African Republic, his remarks on this occasion were of peculiar interest.

In an address of some length Mr. Scott, with that clearness of statement for which he is noted and characteristic modesty that has won for him a warm place in the hearts of his fellow countrymen, pointed out the distressing financial condition of the Liberian government, its threatened dismemberment by the powers of Europe, anxious to exploit and take advantage of its wonderful agricultural, mineral and forest resources, and explained in a general way the scope and purpose of the work the American commission was expected to do. As a representative of the State Department, Mr. Scott could not give out direct official information, but it was the hope of all concerned that some suggestions could be made by the commissioners, after a thorough examination of the situation, that would lead to the extension of substantial and permanent relief by our government.

If set firmly upon its feet and strictly business methods can be installed through American protection and American capital, with its industries properly developed, Mr. Scott believed that in time Liberia would prove to be one of the richest and happiest governments on the face of the earth. Fine woods, cotton, coffee, rubber and the cereals could be produced in abundance if money and skilled labor were available. The raw material for an immense domestic and foreign trade was ample, and the foundation of the "national spirit" was broad and deep. The earnest desire of the Liberians for an independent, self-supporting and up-to-date government was shown by the sentiments expressed by the three Liberian envoys who came to this country last year to enlist the aid of this country in protecting and developing the land they so dearly loved. Presented to the then President Roosevelt, Secretary of State Root and Secretary of War Taft, they made a highly favorable impression. As a result of the several conferences at the White House and at the home of the Cabinet officers, it was determined that this country would look into the matter with sympathetic interest, with a view of seeing just what could be done to ameliorate the conditions complained of. Out of this decision grew the special commission to investigate and report on the subject, and Congress appropriated $20,000 for the expenses of the work, besides providing two scout cruisers for the transportation of the commissioners to their field of labor.



EMMETT J. SCOTT

Mr. Scott's comprehensive statement indicated that he is thoroughly conversant with the duties and responsibilities that lay before him, and that he is entering upon them with a vigor and enthusiasm that betokens good results to all parties concerned.

Others who spoke at the dinner were Attorney Albert S. White, dean of the Central Law School, of Louisville, Ky., who is said to be slated for Minister to Liberia or Haiti; Ralph W. Tyler, Auditor for the Navy Department; J. A. Cobb, Assistant United States District Attorney; Dr. A. M. Curtis, former surgeon-in-chief of Freedmen's Hospital; S. J. Davidson, of Kentucky, superintendent of the electrical tabulating machines in the office of the Auditor for the Postoffice Department; Samuel T. Henry, of Delaware, commander of the Gen. James A. Buchanan Garrison, Army and Navy Union, and the host, R. W. Thompson, the well-known national correspondent. Mr. Tyler acted as toastmaster, and his witty speeches, abounding in happy hits and appropriate quips, were among the most enjoyable features of the evening.

CAIRO, ILL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The lodges and courts of the Cairo distrust, Knights of Pythias, under the command of Major W. A. Plummer, held their annual services at the First Missionary Baptist Church Sunday, May 2, at 3 p. m. There were fully 300 Pythians in the line of march.

INDIANAPOLIS BOY IN THE NAVY.

U. S. S. SUPPLY,
BREMERTON, Wash., May 3, 1909.

Editor THE FREEMAN:

DEAR SIR—I am an Indianapolis boy, and thought that you might possibly find space in your paper for a few lines about my travels since entering the service of the navy.

September 27 myself and about 200 other recruits sailed from Hampton Roads for the Isthmus of Panama on board the U. S. S. Prarie, and arrived at Colon seven days later. We were transferred overland across the isthmus to Panama City, a very pleasant trip of two hours. We went on the U. S. S. Buffalo there, and on October 3 we sailed for San Francisco, and got there sixteen days later. We stayed there four days, and then sailed for Bremerton, Wash., reaching there October 24. I was transferred to the cruiser Charleston, which left for Manila on the 26th. Nine days later we reached Honolulu, after having gone through some of the roughest kind of weather. All hands were given liberty and everybody had a good time. I think it one of the prettiest of places, and the most of my time was spent sightseeing. I visited the ex-King's palace, also one of the former Queens' castle, and they were certainly pretty places; and as far as looks go, the natives do credit to the place.

The next stop, after eleven days' run from Honolulu, was at Guam, one of the Ladrone Islands in the mid-Pacific. We only stopped there long enough to take on coal to last until we reached Manila.

Five days after leaving Guam we dropped anchor in Manila bay with the great Atlantic fleet on the globe-circling cruise. Two weeks later we were given our liberty. I met some soldiers of the Ninth and Tenth Cavalry, and they were our pilots the remaining time that we were ashore. I spent Christmas there, and it was the strangest Christmas I have experienced. Hot? Only about 110 in the shade. With several other sailors and cavalrymen I attended a ball, which lasted all night, it being the custom of the Filipinos to dance all night on Christmas eve.

December 26 I left Manila for Guam once more, on board the gunboat Concord. New Year's was spent at sea. The weather was exceedingly rough, and every one nearly got sick, both officers and men; even the captain felt a little queer. I have never been sick yet.

We got back to Guam January 3, sailed from there on the 12th, and reached Bremerton February 12. We also stopped in Honolulu one week. The ship Supply has been in dry dock for nearly two months now, being repaired, and will probably stay another two months. We think we will sail in June for Guam, by way of Yokohama, as the Supply is a station ship.

Seattle is only fifteen miles from the navy yard. I have made several trips there since being here.

There are only a few colored boys on this ship, but we all are very contented and getting along nicely.

The Supply has a very fast baseball team, of which happily I am a member.

Beginning yesterday, May 2, Black Patti began a week's engagement at the Seattle Grand. I was at the opening performance, and I must say that everybody seemed well pleased with the show, judging from the attendance and applause. I myself think it all to the good.

With best wishes,

Yours very truly,
RICHARD PAUL DAVIS,
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STILL HARPING ON THE NEGROES.

Senator Tillman gets a little too strong at times, even for his home people. The efforts of the thinking class of white people of South Carolina, the Senator's State, is to have it appear that the Negro takes his chances with the white man for the elective franchise. Senator Tillman is continually blurting out about nullifying the Fourteenth Amendment, and saying that the Negroes are disfranchised in the Southern States. It's an exceedingly strange case that Mr. Tillman should be permitted to point out, as open violations of the general laws, what is meant to be a compliance with them. The country is satisfied that the Negroes do not get a square deal under the constitutions or new election laws of the States, yet the country is satisfied that these constitutions and election laws do conform to what is required of them in the letter. That is, the Negro and white man stand the same tests. The Negro fails because the test were not made in his interest. But at that there is a semblance of law. And how is a government to maintain without a semblance of law? Yet one will think that Mr. Tillman has a method in all he does, since it does not stand to reason that an individual of sufficient qualification to gain and maintain a seat in the United States, without great purpose.

The Charleston News-Courier professes to be wrought up over what might be ocnsidered the Senator's imbecility—at least on the one question. It had the following to say owing to the Senator's recent observation:

"The Federal constitution is not nullified in South Carolina. The Negroes are not illegally disfranchised. In operation in this State is a constitutional provision requiring that as a condition precedent to voting the citizen applying for registration must be able to read and write any section of the State constitution, or show that he has paid all taxes collectible for the preceding year on property assessed at not less than $300, and it applies to whites and blacks alike. Other qualifications for suffrage, as to registration, etc., are not so elaborate or so rigidly applied as similar qualifications for suffrage in New York.

"In South Carolina neither intimidation nor fraud is practiced against the Negroes. A negligible proportion of the Negroes seek to register. Under the alternative educational and property qualification the white voters have an overwhelming majority; they decide all elections in their primaries. The Negroes, practically en masse, retired from active participation in politics nearly thirty years ago. The Negroes as a class do not vote, and never have voted, except under the whip and spur of white politicians, and that stimulus was long ago removed. For 'nullifying the Fourteenth Amendment' in South Carolina there is no opportunity, far less an incentive, and Senator Tillman's tale is the exhalation of a singularly obsessed imagination."

So the Senator's tale is of obsessed imagination; then it appears that in the interest of the public weal one of less susceptible imagination should try for the senatorship. For if it is true that the Negroes do not care anything about the voting privilege, the Senator's utterances are less in order. It looks as if he holds his job by virtue of his rage and race hatred, a very unique condition in the history of the upper house.

We prefer to think of Senators who talk of resigning before casting undue aspersion on a single individual of any race. If not in the Senate, then where shall we find men who will stand for the laws? Under the vexing circumstances it sometimes happens that nothing is gained personally in championing the cause of Negroes. But it looks fairly sacrilegious for an individual of Uniter States Senator distinction to win fame at defaming a class so peculiarly helpless and persecuted as the Negroes. Pursuing the Negroes in and out of season seems to be Senator Tillman's chief business; attending to his duties as a Senator seems to be merely incidental.

WHY NOT FRATERNIZE?

Speaking without any knowledge of conditions around and about Liberia beyond that gleamed from time to time from newspaper reports, The Freeman has more than once spoke of the possible fraternizing on the part of the Liberians and the natives. We may have been thought unwarranted in what we had to say, since we were not intimately acquainted with the conditions. It looked to us that the hundreds of thousands of natives could have been induced gradually to take on the ways of civilization and by so doing become an important factor in the making of Liberia. It was a speech very far from the scene, and consequently may have appeared senseless. The contention, we are pleased to say, is supported by the Lago's Weekly Record, of West Coast Africa. It said, in its latest possible issue to reach this country:

"The news that at the last session of the Liberian legislature a joint resolution was passed by that body authorizing hostile measures to be undertaken against the people of Grand Cess, Sasstown and Garroway for alleged breaches of the revenue laws by them, can only be regarded as a measure highly inimical to the best interests of Liberia. It is plain as the proverbial pikestaff that growth as well as existence for Liberia depends upon the aboriginal population being made to form a component and indivisible part of the commonwealth. The Americo-Liberian and his descendants represent the restored part of the body politic which had been separated from the parent stock, and is only capable of acquiring sustenance and virility by being ingrafted deeply into the latter so as to form one indigenous and indivisible whole. Until the Liberians get over the delusion that they represent something other than the veritable Ethiopian with his unchangeable skin, and to think that they can draw inspiration from the pens and plantations of their enslavement, they will not only be unable to attain to national life, but must lack the conceptions and aspirations that make for national life. The tone and tenour of the joint resolution show very clearly how far removed the prevailing conceptions of the Liberians are from the right ones. The resolution not only speaks of the native tribes as a different element from that which makes up the body politic, but a hostile one upon whom pernicious example must act to put it into opposition to the State. This implies that these aboriginal tribes have no interests which are identified with those of the State and which would lead to their co-operating in upholding the interests of the State. If the Liberians had fraternized with the aboriginal element as their relation as kith and kin with them call for, there would have been no occasion for the legislature to assert the majesty of the law, which, owing to its compatibleness, both as regards character and purpose, would have vindicated its necessity and ensured ready willingness on the part of the aboriginal rulers and elders to co-operate in upholding the majesty of the law. Unfortunately, the Liberians have rendered both themselves and the law an incongruity alien in kind and odious in character, and which has led to alienation calling for the employment of a gunboat 'to chastise the tribes by means of bombardment and demolishing their towns.'

The Record had much more to say along the same line. It may be that even the Record is not of sufficient information to conclude hastily in the matter. We, however, are inclined to its way of thinking. The commissioners to Liberia will have to deal with this phase of the situation, and in which respect it will have something to do.

AVERTED A TRAGEDY.

Nerve Displayed by Daniel O'Connell at a Critical Moment.

Daniel O'Connell, the famous Irish agitator, had a contempt for physical danger. On a certain occasion a meeting had been convened, and a large crowd assembled in a room on the first floor of a building in a small city in Ireland.

O'Connell was about to address the people when a gentleman, pale with fear, made his way to the platform and hoarsely whispered:

"Liberator, the floor is giving way! The beams that shore it up are cracking, and we shall fall through in a few minutes!"

"Keep silent," said O'Connell. Then, raising his voice, he addressed the assembly:

"I find that the room is too small to contain the number who desire to come in, so we must leave it and hold the meeting outside the building."

At this a few rose and went out, but the majority retained their seats. Then O'Connell said:

"I will tell you the truth. You are Irishmen, therefore brave men. The floor is giving way, and we must leave this room at once. If there is a panic and a rush to the door we shall all be precipitated into the room below, but if you obey my orders we shall be saved. Let the twelve men nearest the door go quietly out, then the next twelve, and so on till all have gone. I shall be the last to leave."

His instructions were obeyed to the letter, and he waited, patient and calm, till all had gone out in safety. Then he walked quietly across the sundering, cracking floor, reaching the door just as the shattered beams gave way. And thus, by the force of his strong will, a terrible accident was averted.

His Glorious Victory.

The commanding officer had surprised the young lieutenant and his daughter trying to occupy the same chair.

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"Sir," he said, "I have the honor to report an engagement at close quarters in which I have been entirely victorious. It now merely remains for you to give your sanction to the terms of surrender."—London Scraps.

Influence of Pluck.

The blindest, the most purely instinctive, effort of mere pluck has a lifting power and deserves our thankful admiration. Every degree and every form of courage tends to raise the whole tone of life within the range of its influence in proportion to the amount and the quality of the endurance exercised.—Hibbert Journal.

His Phenomenal Luck.

"You say he is lucky?"

"You bet."

"In what does his luck consist?"

"Marriage, you see, is his hobby."

"Well?"

"Every woman he marries gets a divorce."

Wooden.

Tenement Tessie—And de novel says de heroine had a willowy form, used to pine for her lover and would spruce up when she seen him coming froo de gate. Shanty Sue—Gee, where did she work—in a sawmill?—Exchange.

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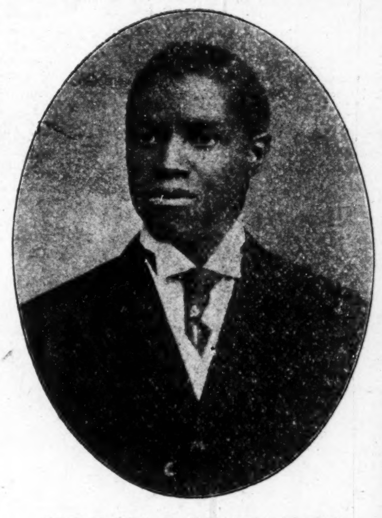

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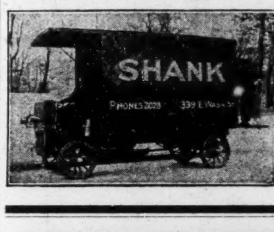

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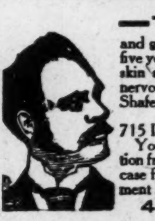

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By Harry W. Jackson.

Harry Washington, the Rube, has a good bunch of players.

We are glad to know that Walcott is back in condition again.

The Kokomo All-Stars are in need of a pitcher and center fielder.

"Nig" Cuppy was the first pitcher to wear a glove while in the box.

Hutchinson and Shawler, of the A. B. C.'s, have joined the Chicago Unions.

It is said that Joe Choynski wants to meet Jack Johnson, but Choynski says no.

Tony Caponi and Jim Flynn will decide the Italian championship of the world at Los Angeles, Tuesday.

R. J. Jackson, of the Mineola Sluggers, would like to hear from some of the Southern baseball managers.

Harris, of the Plutos, so far, is the star of the season. He pitched a no-hit game against the Louisville Giants.

Primm, formerly of the A. B. C.'s, is playing good ball behind the bat for the Cuban Giants, but somehow Primm's not hitting. Get a better eye, old boy.

"Cyclone" Thompson and the Indianapolis favorite, Ray Bronson, will fight a ten-round bout at Columbus, O., on the 25th. They will weigh 133 pounds at 3 p. m.

Manager George Townsell, of the Terrell (Tex.) team, is ready to make arrangements to play any team in the extreme Southern States. Address, 404 South Rockwall avenue.

Frank C. Leland, owner of the Leland Giants, is preparing to take his team to California at the close of the present season to play the league of that State. They will be there about eight weeks.

HOUSTON (TEX.) NOTES.

The Leland Giants, of Chicago, defeated the Black Buffaloes in three consecutive games. The fans are crazy for the return of the Windy City team next year. They won much favorable comment as the result of their good playing and fine sportsmanship.

The Buffaloes have gone in training to meet the Dallas Giants. They expect to get even with the Dallas team for the severe thrashing the Rube Fosterites gave them.

The baseball followers are glad to see old man Jones with the Giants.

J. Tajahn and Simmons are doing all they can for the promotion of baseball in this city in a high-class manner. They wish the patronage of the colored people here.

Four thousand people attended the games played between the local boys and the Leland Giants.

Nobles umpired the games played between the home boys and the Leland Giants. The scores were in favor of the latter—5 to 1, 8 to 5 and 6 to 0.

ST. LOUIS TIGERS TO MEET THE KANSAS CITY GIANTS

Will Play a Series of Four Games—Tigers Would Meet Louisville Giants or Cubs.

Special to The Freeman.

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—The Kansas City Giants will be in this city next week, and will cross bats with the St. Louis Tigers in a series of four games, beginning Tuesday afternoon. They will play Tuesday, Wednesday, Sunday and Monday. The Tigers would like to meet the Louisville Giants or the Louisville Cubs on the Fourth of July or in a series.

ABE ATTELL'S HAND CRIPPLED.

Special to The Freeman.

NEW YORK.—Abe Attell, the featherweight champion, may not be seen in the ring again for several months, because of an injured hand received in a recent fight with Biz Mackey at Columbus, Ohio. It has been announced that Attell's fight with Owen Moran, the English fighter, has been called off. Attell first injured his right hand in his fight with Jem Driscoll, and again in a fight with Young Pierce. In his fight with Mackey he landed a heavy right-hand blow which crippled the member again.

HARRY LEWIS TO BOX IN PARIS.

Special to The Freeman.

PHILADELPHIA. — Harry Lewis, of this city, one of the claimants to the welterweight championship, is arranging his affairs in such a manner as to allow him to make a trip to Paris, where he has an offer of $10,000 to take part in three fights.

Lewis has been in communication with Manager Dorman, of the Paris Hippodrome, where all the big fights that have lately delighted the French have been held, and a letter has reached him from Dorman in which he makes the proviso that the Philadelphian sign a contract to remain in France for a year.

FIGHTING DEMON IN FORM.

Joe Walcott, World's Greatest Pugilist, in Old-Time Condition.

Special to The Freeman.

COLUMBUS, Ohio.—Joe Walcott, the former king of all boxers, and the greatest little man that ever stepped into a ring, has been in constant training for the past six weeks, and is said to be in old-time condition. Those who saw the "Black Demon" easily defeat Russell Van Horn in this city a year ago claimed that he was just as good then as ever, but he did not think so. He thought he should have won in quicker time. Realizing this, he at once set himself at work to see if he could not get back in old-tme form, and he has kept himself busy ever since, either engaging in real contests or sparring on the stage. Recently, while training in a gymnasium at Boston, he put on the gloves with Sam Langford, and in a hot mixup in the third round he landed a wallop on Sam's jaw that made him take the count. This made Walcott think that he has got his old punch back, and now he is going after the big ones.

VICKSBURGS TAKE TWO GAMES.

Defeat Jackson Tigers Easily in First Game.

Special to The Freeman.

VICKSBURG, Miss.—Vicksburg and the Jackson Tigers crossed bats last week, the former winning two games. The feature of the games was fast fielding and the pitching of Stevenson and Starks, of the Vicksburgs. The games:

										R.	H.	E.
Jackson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7
V'burg	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	2	*	8	9	1

Batteries—Moore and Brady; Stevenson and Kenna.

Second game:

										R.	H.	E.
Jackson	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	5	3
V'burg	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	8	0

Batteries—Bell and Brady; Starks and Kenna.

SOUTHLAND TEAM DEFEATS HOOSIERS

Birmingham Giants Take Two Games from the West Baden Nine.

Special to The Freeman.

WEST BADEN, Ind.—The Birmingham (Ala.) Giants took two games from the West Baden team on the 5th and 6th, last week, winning the first game by a score of 2 to 0 and the second 11 to 4. The spring-water boys were unable to cross home plate in the first game. J. B. Taylor pitched for the Giants, and played fine ball, allowing the Hoosiers but four hits. He struck out twelve batters, and had the West Baden team at his mercy all during the game. Scottland pitched the second game, and showed up well until the seventh inning, when the Hoosiers found his curves and slammed the sphere for four runs. This was the only inning in which he allowed them any runs. First game:

											R.	H.	E.
B'ham	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	6	3
W. B.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	3

Batteries—J. B. Taylor and Oliver; Daugherty and Gordon.

Struck Out—By Taylor, 12; by Daugherty, 7.

Second game:

										R.	H.	E.
B'ham	2	2	3	1	0	1	0	2	0	11	9	2
W. B.	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	5	5

Batteries—Scottland and Oliver; Lyons and Gordon.

Struck Out—By Scottland, 7; by Lyons, 4.

Both games were well attended.

WET GROUNDS.

The A. B. C.-Atkins game was not played Sunday on account of rain. The Atkins are the fastest players in the State of the white semi-professionals.

PLUTOS READY FOR GAMES.

French Lick Team Composed of a Fast Aggregation of Ball Players.

French Lick, Ind., Special.

The Plutos are ready for the talent. Their new park in French Lick is nearing completion. Everything will be new—park fence, grand stand and all. Among the line-up are to be found the following experienced athletes: Harry Washington (the Rube), late of the A. B. C.'s, manager and star pitcher; Harris (the pride of the valley), pitcher; John Chenault (secretary of the club and once with the A. B. C.'s), catcher; Skemp (old-timer), first base; Alex. Smith (late of Pittsburg Giants), second base; Sneed (the throwing wonder, from Indianapolis), right field; Opee (the wonderful third baseman), third base; Scarbough (of Waco, Tex.), first base; Joe Boyle (of Waco, Tex.), left field; Jack Dempsey (of Chicago), center field, and the only Negro umpire who has ever called a game in organized baseball, Jack Hogan, of Detroit, Mich.

A. B. C.'S WIN AND LOSE.

Rain Prevents Third Game with the New York Cuban Giants.

The Cuban Giants were defeated in the first game of a series of three games that had been scheduled to be played with the A. B. C.'s. The score was 7 to 3. Talbott pitched a splendid article of ball, allowing the visitors four scattered hits. The best the Giants could do was to score in the second and fifth innings. Both teams played fast ball. Friday's game went to the New Yorkers with ease, by a score of 9 to 2. Higbee pitched for the local boys. Wet grounds prevented the Saturday game from being played. Score:

OPENING GAME.

A. B. C.'s.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Allen, 3 b	0	0	3	1	2
Merida, c	2	3	4	0	0
Shawler, l. f	0	3	1	0	0
Herron, c. f	0	1	3	0	0
Hutchinson, s. s	1	1	1	3	1
Lolla, 2 b	0	1	0	3	0
Board, 1 b	1	0	12	0	0
J. Davis, r. f	1	1	2	0	0
Talbott, p	2	1	1	1	1
Totals	7	11	27	8	4

Biants.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Bedford, 2 b	0	0	2	3	0
Gordon, 3 b	1	2	3	2	0
Walton, l. f	0	0	0	0	0
Washington, 1 b	0	0	13	0	0
Williams, c. f	0	0	2	0	0
Primm, r. f	0	0	0	0	0
Cummins, s. s	0	0	0	1	0
Ransom, c	0	0	4	0	0
D. Davis, p	2	2	0	2	0
Totals	3	4	24	8	0

Score by innings:

A. B. C.'s	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	3	*	7
Cuban Giants	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	3

Innings pitched—Talbott, 9; Davis, 9. Base hits—Off Talbott, 4; off Davis, 11. Bases on balls—Off Talbott, 3; off Davis, 3. Struck out—By Talbott, 3; by Davis, 3. Two-base hits—J. Davis, Merida, D. Davis. Three-base hit—D. Davis. Home run—Gordon. Double play—Bedford to Washington. Stolen bases—Herron, Gordon (2), Primm. Umpire—Adams. Time—2:45. Attendance—300.

"TERRIBLE" SAM TO FIGHT WAY TO HIGHEST HONORS

Langford, After Having Been Turned Down by Limelights, Is Determined to Get Title.

NEW YORK.—Sam Langford, of Boston, who has been turned down by Jack Johnson, Al Kaufman and Stanley Ketchel, has decided to fight his way to a position of such prominence in the pugilistic world that before long he will have public opinion with him in his struggle to get a crack at the heavyweight title.

His manager, Joseph Wodman, a shrewd white man, having failed to get Johnson, Kaufman or Ketchel to meet Langford in any sort of a bout, either in the East or in California, says the time is not far distant when Langford will be recognized everywhere as the greatest fighter in the world, barring Jeffries, of course, provided the latter ever gets back into his old form. Langford has repeatedly declared that no fighter ever lived who could defeat Jeffries, and for that reason the Bostonian has never included Jeff in his efforts to secure matches with formidable opponents. Langford will fight Ian Hague, the new English heavyweight champion, May 24, at the National Sporting Club of London.

LELAND GIANTS COMPLETE A SUCCESSFUL SOUTHERN TRIP

Windy City Players' Tour Covered 4,465 Miles—Win Every Game Played—Foster Highly Greeted.

Chicago, Ill., Special.

The Leland Giants returned from their spring training trip after covering 4,465 miles undefeated. The strong teams of the South were toys in the hands of the champs. The Lelands beat Memphis 10 to 1 and 15 to 6; Birmingham, Ala., 3 to 0 and 4 to 2; Fort Worth, 8 to 5; Austin, 5 to 1; San Antonio, 5 to 0 and 3 to 2; Prairie View State Normal, 6 to 0; Houston, Tex., 5 to 1, 8 to 5 and 5 to 0. In both San Antonio and Birmingham the teams are far above the average. The following players: Third Baseman Taylor of Birmingham, Second Baseman Leroy of Houston, Catcher Henderson of Fort Worth, Pitchers Baby Webb and Big Cyclone Joe are conceded to be fast and good enough for any team. The reception given the Lelands every place they went will go down in history as not only the greatest efforts of the people, but the greatest time ever accorded any team. The people were surprised at the intelligence of the players and their conduct, and spoke words of praise about them, and begged the management to return again next year.

The Lelands jumped from Birmingham, Ala., to Fort Worth, Tex., the last place that "Rube" Foster, now manager and captain of the Lelands, played in Texas. They arrived there at 12:20, noon, April 18, and the station was packed with both white and colored to greet Foster on his return to Texas. When he came in sight he was given a welcome that would have done honor to the President of the United States. The people had carriages, automobiles and an opera coach for the club, and long before time to play the grounds could not accommodate all the people. The same thing happened at Austin, San Antonio and Houston.

The last stopping place of the Lelands capped the climax in more ways than one. It drew the largest crowd during the trip, and also the largest crowd ever at a baseball game in Houston. A large delegation of people from Calvert, Tex., the home of Rube Foster, was at Houston, and the portion of the grandstand they had reserved made it known that they were from Rube's home and that they approved of him. The ovation from men of every walk of life given Foster gives prominence to the high esteem of the people all over the country.

Foster is without doubt the most popular ball player in the country. When he first began to lay out plans for the long trip of the Lelands, many baseball men said it would be a financial loss and the trip would never be taken. But those who know Foster knew if he ever made up his mind to take the trip, the trip was assured, and when the announcement came out in The Freeman that the Lelands would leave Chicago April 6 on a 4,465-mile trip, every baseball man in the country sat up and took notice.

The Lelands rolled into Chicago in their private Pullman car, completing the first and longest trip ever attempted by a colored team. This trip was greater than any of the minor league teams, and but one club in the major league circuits, the Chicago White Sox, exceeded the Lelands' trip.

The Lelands will go to California October 17 to play all the clubs in the California State League. The southern trip was also a financial success.

Phil E. Reed, manager and owner of the St. Paul Gophers, of St. Paul, Minn., accompanied the Lelands during the entire trip, and says that he had the finest time of his life.

ST. LOUIS STAR ON JEFFRIES' RETURN TO OLD-TIME FORM

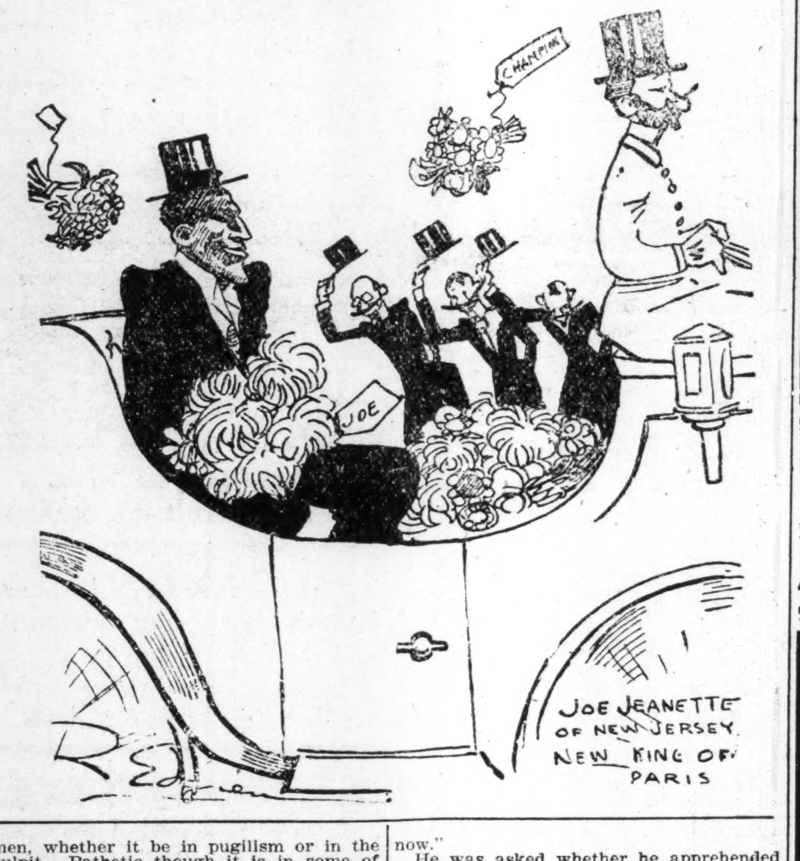
Says the Ex-Champion Must Admit that he Can Not Renew His Youth—Been Out of Game Too Long.

The question may not be a momentous one as to whether Pugilist Jim Jeffries can, or can not get back into form, so that he would be able to fight Mr. Jack Johnson with any hope of victory, but it is none the less an interesting one. When Jeffries whipped Jim Corbett, Bob Fitzsimmons and other big ones of the squared circle, he was a man of might even as Tubal Cain in the days when the world was young. Experts in pugilism do not hesitate to say that, good man though he is, Jeffries can not hope to be again the man he was. He must himself admit, even if he does not publicly proclaim it, that he can not go back along the path of life and renew his youth.

As in pugilism, so in everything else in life. The passing years bring increasing strength and growing vigor up to a certain point, and when the summit of the hill of life is climbed in matters physical as well as mental, the decline begins, the physical long before the mental. It is so in every relation of life. The man who has lived his life, who has fought his fight, win or lose, may still be of great value to the world, and to his fello wmen. He may have gained wisdom through experience that makes him of even greater value to the world than he was in the heyday of his another; but the water that has turned the physical strength and vigor. He may add much to the glory and the grandeur of his calling, whether it be one profession or wheel of the mill never returns to turn that same wheel again.

There never was a retired champion who did not imagine he could bring himself back to his best form and hurl his old defiance at his world. This is typical of mankind in general. Humanity is made of such stuff that to admit defeat is worse than annihilation. Some men there are who grow old gracefully, and realize the decline of their powers, whether they be physical or mental, but they are in the minority. Jim Jeffries is but a typical man. Statesmen there are, and men on all the planes of life, who cherish the same ambition as Jeffries. There is much in this that is admirable. It is the indomitable spirit of manhood. It is the spirit that makes winners of battles and leaders of men, whether it be in pugilism or in the pulpit. Pathetic though it is in some of its phases, viewed as a whole it commands respect. The real winner is the man who refuses to admit himself a loser.

JEANNETTE IN PARIS, FRANCE.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JUST A WORD OR TWO, THAT'S ALL.

By H. W. Jackson.

Sometimes a fan wonders why a pitcher throws a ball to first base to catch a player napping off base, when it is absolutely needless to do so. Again, he wonders why the pitcher does not throw the horse hide to first when there is a good chance to put out a base runner. A pitcher, especially a right-hander, nine times out of ten, is not responsible for throwing or failure to throw the sphere to first, as the case may be. We oftentimes see a twirler toss the ball to first base, where the majority of such plays are made, when the runner is standing on the bag, and thereupon the spectators give him the laugh or censure him for the "silly" play. "Why doesn't he throw it?" and the like, comes from the grand stand and bleachers when the runner is "away off," and at the same time the pitcher holds onto the ball, as was the case in the second game of the A. B. C.-Cuban Giants series, when the runner steals second when no one of his team-mates was on third. This play was made off Higbee, woh pitched for the locals, as it is often made off other flingers, while he had his back toward the runner and first baseman. One of the New Yorkers made second without the least danger, when at the same time Higbee could have thrown the ball to Lolla at second and caught the runner with ease. The fans criticised the old mainstay, but he was not wholly, if at all, to blame; he didn't and couldn't see the runner; the fault lay on the local catcher, who should have signaled Higbee for a throw to second. Many times the spectators will jeer a player for an act for which he is not responsible, and also give him credit that is due another—so things go. We take advantage of that particular incident in the game, just spoken of, to relieve the spectators of the erroneous opinion that the pitcher is always responsible for his untimely throws or his failure to throw to the basemen. The catcher in practically all cases—except when the pitcher himself sees an opportunity to catch a player off base—informs the pitcher, by signals, when to make a throw to a baseman. This is mostly applied when the pitcher is in the box. The catcher, being in a better position for a full view of the diamond, should keep the pitcher posted, along with other things, as to what is going on around the bases. This is done by signals, which work to a great advantage for a team. We have seen third basemen signal the pitcher (a right-hander) for a throw to first base, and first basemen signal (a southpaw) for a throw to third base, thus keeping the pivot player post when and at what base to throw the ball.

A player has got to remember that the pitcher can't win a game alone; if it was so intended, what's the use of having a surplus number of eight other men. Every player has a part to play; help your pitcher win the game. If he loses, your team loses; if he wins, your team wins.

Two great features about winning a game of baseball are signals and team work. We might as well say our team work goes to make the signals more effective. Have you not seen teams composed of star players that have gone down in defeat before other teams whose players, as individuals, were outclassed by them, but by the aid of team work they totaled the greater number of runs? It takes this esential, team work or co-operation, where there are two or more persons involved, to win in anything. Football, the greatest of college sports, is the game for the study and keen observation of the effectiveness of team work. Not only is the player a star who carries the oval over the goal line for a touchdown, but also his team-mates who tear up the opponents' line or form that splendid interference around right or left end. Spectators like to see individuals make sensational plays, so far as they go, but more than this they want their favorite team to win. Individual plays, in the sense of starring, fall short when bucked against team work. Team work makes 'em pull together. Watch eevrything that happens on the grounds, no matter how small. Keep on your guards. A ball player can get a great lesson from the pugilist: keep your eyes open and on your opponent. The little things are what count. Notice this act, insignificant in itself, which a member of a visiting team did—a little example of team work:

A man was on first. The batter went to bat, but instead of immediately approaching the plate he dropped his bat and put his hands on the ground, as if to prepare for a good grip on the willow. But this was not his object in doing so; it was a signal to the man on first. He then stepped up to the plate and swung wildly, purposely, at the ball; the man on first made second. This was team work; it was for the best interest of the team on the bench. The batter did not get up to bat with his whole mind centered upon himself; it was just a little team work put to use. Team work—that's what wins; knowing what your fellow-players are going to do (or supposed to do) and what to do yourself. The batter hits the ball to pitcher—back him up; catcher throws to second—back second up; third makes a play—if necessary, back him up. Team work; that's the scheme!

PADEREWSKI MAY NOT PLAY LONGER.

The magician of the piano, Ignace Jan Paderewski, may never charm again in America, possibly never again anywhere. He will devote the principal part of life remaining to him to composition, if his fears prove true.

The reason for this resolve the famous pianist virtually admitted, the *New York World* says, was "piano players' cramp," the insidious, creeping malady that often follows years of brilliant and nerve-wearing execution on the keyboard, blighting the career or an artist before his time.

When Paderewski, who was accompanied by his wife, sailed on the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, the other day, he held his left hand in the right, as if it had been a winged bird that needed the most tender nursing. He seemed apprehensive that his rheumatism might be permanent.

"I may never return to America," said the great Polish artist then, somewhat sadly. "I still have pains—shooting pains—in my left arm and hand. I have them now."

He was asked whether he apprehended his disability would be permanent.

"Well, we pianists do not know when this thing is to come to us," he said. "It may be that it has come to me. I have got to wait and see.

"At any rate, I shall not probably play for the next two years, or possibly more. My time will be given up principally to composition. I shall write another opera—a short opera. The theme will be announced later."

In the earlier part of the interview the wizard of the piano was asked if the report was true that he had first felt the twinges in his left arm after a violent fit of anger.

He frowned at first and then smiled, his good nature finally bursting forth in a grin.

"Is it rue that you have a violent temper, and in this instance pounded your fist on the keys too emphatically?"

"Violent temper, temper, temper? I should say I had," he replied. "There's no saying what I may do to you before the ship sails."

He winked at a bystander, and continued a little more seriously: "I am hardly as violent as I look."

MARLIN, TEX.

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CITY AND SOCIETY.

The Woman's Improvement Club will meet with Mrs. Beulah Porter next Thursday evening.

Mrs. Gertrude Jackson and daughter Martha left Thursday for Nashville, Tenn., to visit relatives.

Bethel Gleaners will meet next Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Mayme Gardner, 785 Center street.

Walter Graves has sufficiently recovered from a recent illness as to be able to leave Dr. Ward's sanitarium during the week.

Mrs. Irene Bagby gave a fancy drill at Union Tabernacle last night. The participants were the pupils of Public School No. 37.

The Witherspoon Memorial Presbyterian Church raised nearly $130 cash, Sunday, at its rally for the benefit of its building fund.

Charles Henry Booth, of New Britain, Conn., son of the lat eRev. E. C. Booth, was in the city yesterday to visit the Booth family.

Mrs. Roxie Bell has taken a position as maid on one of the steamers running between Chicago and points in Michigan.

The Iron League band will give a band concert at Allen Chapel next Wednesdday evening, May 19, under the auspices of the church and club.

The "Decem Discipulæ" club, composed of ten young high school students, is arranging to give a play early in June, entitled "A Girl's Secret."

Kelly Miller, who holds the chair of mathematics at Howard University at Washington, D. C., will lecture at Jones Tabernacle early in June.

The funeral of Jesse Parker was held at his late home, Flat five, Darnell street, Tuesday afternoon. He leaves a widow, father, mother and two sisters.

"Uncle" Beverly Carey, an old resident of the city, who has for a number of years made his home with the family of Mr. and Mrs. William Parks, is seriously ill.

Mrs. Beulah Porter will read a paper before the State Federation of Colored Woman's Clubs, Wednesday evening, May 26. The Federation meets at Kokomo.

Union and Leah chapters of the Order of Eastern Star, will observe the annual chapter of sorrow at their hall, in Delaware street, to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The "Knedia" Whist Club met during the week with Mrs. James Allen, 817 Fayette street. Prizes were won by Mesdames Bessie Harris and Pearl Hatfield.

Mesdames Louisa Lewis and Mayme Gardner will represent the Mary Campbell Mite Missionary Society at the State convention, which begins at Richmond, June 12.

Dr. John W. Norrel left Tuesday to visit his mother, Mrs. Carrie C. Norrel, at Frankfort, Ky., and incidentally attended the annual session of the Kentucky Medical Association.

There will be an old-fashioned spelling bee conducted by Mrs. J. T. V. Hill at Simpson Chapel next Monday evening, May 17, under the auspices of the W. H. M. Society of the church.

The Woman's Guild of St. Phillips Spiscopal Guild will give a May fair, beginning next Tuesday and lasting until Friday night. A beautiful silk quilt will be given the person holding the lucky number.

Messrs. Walter and James Hodge entertained a company of friends Thursday evening to meet Miss Mayme Clark, of Chattanooga, Tenn., who is the guest of their mother at her home, 1105 Fayette street.

A. R. Schooler and Harry W. Jackson are meeting with deserved success in their special lines, in which each is making a creditable showing. They appeared at Franklin, Ind., Thursday evening, and under the auspices of the Young Men's Athletic Club of Brightwood, Friday evening.

A program styled "Recollections of Childhood Days" was given to an interested audience at Bethel Church, Wednesday evening, under the auspices of Bethel Aid Society. There were many humorous features brought out through songs and recitations by well-known persons among the older members of the church.

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The U. B. F. and S. M. T. and the Juveniles will have their thanksgiving services at Tomlinson Hall, Sunday, May 23. Henry Jackson will be master of ceremonies. Rev. N. A. Seymour will preach the annual sermon. The annual national proclamation will be read by Dr. W. E. Brown; solo by Mrs. Bertha Clark Lewis.

The Mary Campbell Mite Missionary Society will hold a house carnival at the home of its president, Mrs. Anna Claiborn, 805 North California street, next Wednesday. Besides a choice program, in which an interesting paper will be read by Miss Hattie Fossett, of Franklin, there will be a sale of a variety of hand-made useful and fancy articles.

A committee made up of prominent churchmen of the city Christian churches (white) have been appointed to canvass for funds to build a new house of worship for the congregation of the Second Christian Church (colored). The plan is the result of an agreement made over two years ago to aid this congregation, after it had raised a stipulated amount, which it has done.

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The Middendorf Club, made up of the colored graduates of the Normal Kindergarten Training School of this city, entertained its friends in a unique but highly interesting manner at the Teachers' College Hall, at Twenty-third and Alabama streets, last Friday evening. As the guests arrived they were seated in the large hall, which, like the entire building, was brilliantly lighted. A welcome was extended on behalf of the Training School by Mrs. Eliza Blaker, superintendent of the college, and on behalf of the Middendorf Club by Mrs. Ida Bryant. A program followed, consisting of music and recitations, and of which a monologue by Miss Irene Poe was a pleasing feature. At the close of the program the guests were invited to join the club in playing the school games. The songs and plays were led by Mrs. Edna Fleming, and were participated in by a number of the guests. Dainty refreshments were served, and, after being shown through the large building, an enjoyable evening was brought to a close.

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HIAWATHA A FINANCIAL AND AN ARTISTIC SUCCESS.

The "Hiawatha" entertainment given at Caleb Mills Hall recently, under the auspices of the Woman's Improvement Club of Indianapolis, marked an epoch in the line of artistic renditions. The play, which was the presentation of Longfellow's poem, "Hiawatha," which had been dramatized and was given by thirty young people and children dressed in Indian costumes, with a stage setting of a realistic forest, with wigwam, camp fire and much Indian paraphernalia. The affair was under the direction of Mrs. W. E. Brown, president of the club, to whose energy and artistic skill the success of the entertainment is largely due. The principal characters were creditably enacted, and reflected much credit upon the participants. The work of Mark Balties as Hiawatha, Mrs. J. T. V. Hill as Nokomis and Mrs. Aletha Byrd as Minnehaha has especially been generously complimented. The music used was composed by S. Coleridge Taylor, the colored composer, living in London, England, whose work has made him famous throughout the civilized world. The lines were read by Mrs. Brown as the scenes were enacted in pantomime by the cast. The club realized $205 above all expenses.

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Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

Because so many persons were kept from the great public meeting of the Colored Y. M. C. A. on account of the rain last Sunday, and because so many have requested that it be repeated, the board of directors decided on last Monday evening to grant the request, and have made arrangements for holding another meeting such as was held last Sunday, for next Sunday week, May 23, at Jones Tabernacle, at which time a splendid program will be given. The singing of the glee club and the playing of the orchestra was enjoyed by all.

The annual report showed the splendid work that has been accomplished by the Association, and it was a surprise to many who were out to learn of the large number of men whose lives have been touched through the Association. The singing by Mrs. Lena Kirk Porter and Miss Viola Leonard was very much appreciated. The Colored Young Men's Christian Association is to be congratulated upon the showing made and the work accomplished during the past year.

All persons are invited to attend this meeting, which will begin promptly at 3 p. m. at Jones Tabernacle on Sunday, May 23.

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Hon. and Mrs. B. F. Howard received their friends in honor of the twenty-fith anniversary of their marriage Tuesday, April 29, at their residence on East Lynn street. Both Mr. and Mrs. Howard are natives of Cynthiana, Ky., Mrs. Howard having come to Covington in her childhood, and Hon. Howard in 1882. They were married in 1884 by the Rev. P. R. Anderson, who was at that time pastor of St. James A. M. E. Church, at which Mrs. Howard was an active Sunday school pupil. Honorable Howard organized the Elks Lodge June 10, 1899, in Cincinnati, O., and was at that time made Exalted Grand Ruler of the same lodge for ten years. The bride of twenty-five years looked very young and pretty in a dainty gown of white mercized batiste and lace. The dress was made by Mrs. C. D. Jordan, of Connersville, Ind. Those who assisted the couple to receive were Dr. Ames, of Detroit, Mich.; Cyrus Allen, of Indianapolis, Ind.; Mrs. C. D. Jordan, Connersville, Ind.; Miss Zellers, Miss Singer Mrs. W. H. Fouse and Mrs. Shannon, of Covington. There were many out-of-town guests, many of the lodges having sent representatives. Mr. J. C. Turner, of Chicago, sent along with his present quite a unique letter of regret. Twenty-five cards, each expressing a cheering message for the couple or a reason for his inability to be present formed the letter. The presents were many and valuable, everything useful being received, from a thimble and a box of toilet soap to a lawn swing. The out-of-town guests were Dr. Ames, Detroit, Grand Secretary of Elks; Cyrus Allen, Indianapolis; Mrs. C. D. Jordan, Connersiville, Ind.; Mrs. Mary Burnside, Lexington; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jones, Greendale, O.; Mrs. C. E. Wendell, Nashville, Tenn.; Mr. and Miss Reneker, Richmond, Ind.; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hodges, Miss Grandison, Rev. and Mrs. E. A. White, Mrs. Copeland, Mrs. Franklin, Harry Jordan, Mrs. Irene Telford, Mrs. Irene Bryson, Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Stanton, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Thompson, of Cincinnati; Mr. and Mrs. Rainey, Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn, Mr. and Mrs. Ozier, Rev. J. H. Abel, Miss Maggie McAffee, of Newport; Dr. and Mrs. E. A. Williams, Cumminsville; the Misses Armstrong, of Cincinnati; Miss Lizzie Rainey, Miss A. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Herskins, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Harvey, Miss Anna Million, of Newport. Besides the many handsome presents received from Covington friends, there were many sent by out-of-town friends. Cold meat knife and fork and olive spoon, Chicago Lodge No. 43; Loving Cup, Iroquois Lodge No. 92, Omaha, Neb.; creamer and sugar bowl, Venus Temple, Covington; chafing dish, Ira Lodge No. 37, Covington, berry set, Dr. Ames and Mr. Webb, Detroit; silver tray, Florence Ames Temple No. 17, Detroit; $5, Columbia Lodge No. 85, Washington, D. C.; syrup pitcher, Unity Lodge No. 71, Harrisburg, Pa.; after-dinner coffe pot, sugar bowl and creamer, Etta Wa Temple No. 7, Cincinnati; silver service, Ridley Lodge No. 16, Sedalia, Mo; candelabra, Pythagorus Masonic No. 14, Detroit; silver spoon and fork, Dr. and Mrs. E. M. Johnson, New York; creamer and sugar spoon, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Holloway, Chicago; orange spoons, J. C. Turner, Chicago; bread tray, Bishop and Mrs. C. T. Shaffer, Chicago; breakfast knives and forks, Cyrus Allen, Indianapolis; berry spoon, Mrs. Margie Murry, Indianapolis; gravy spoon, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Jordan, Connersville; sauce spoon, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Preston, Columbus; cream pitcher, Mr. and Mrs. Add Hotton, Harriodsburg; card receiver, Bishop and Mrs. Tanner, Philadelphia; silver thimble, Mrs. Martha Collier, Cynthians; linen towels, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Perkins, Danville, Ky.; silver tea pot, Mr. and Mrs. Reneker, Richmond, Ind....Mrs. C. E. Wendell, of Nashville, is here to spend the summer with her daugther, Mrs. A. D. Kelly. ...Mrs. Mary Burnside is in the city visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Fouse....Miss Alice Chinn closed her school at Erlanger on the 30th of last month after a very pleasant and successful school year...The many friends of Mr. Mudd are very sorry to hear of his death, which came upon him suddenly...Miss Ruth B. Johnson has been on the sick list, but is now out again...Rev. J. W. Robinson has purchased a lovely residence on 15th street, near Madison avenue...The many friends of Mrs. G. W. Andrews are glad to know that she is out again after a brief illness.

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